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YESTERDAY, the war between China and Japan was 2 1/2 years old. With the exception of the Spanish Civil War, which lasted 1,000 days, it is the longest war the world has known since 1914-18, and may well exceed that war in length unless Japan capitulates. Here are some facts about

2 1/2 Years of War in China

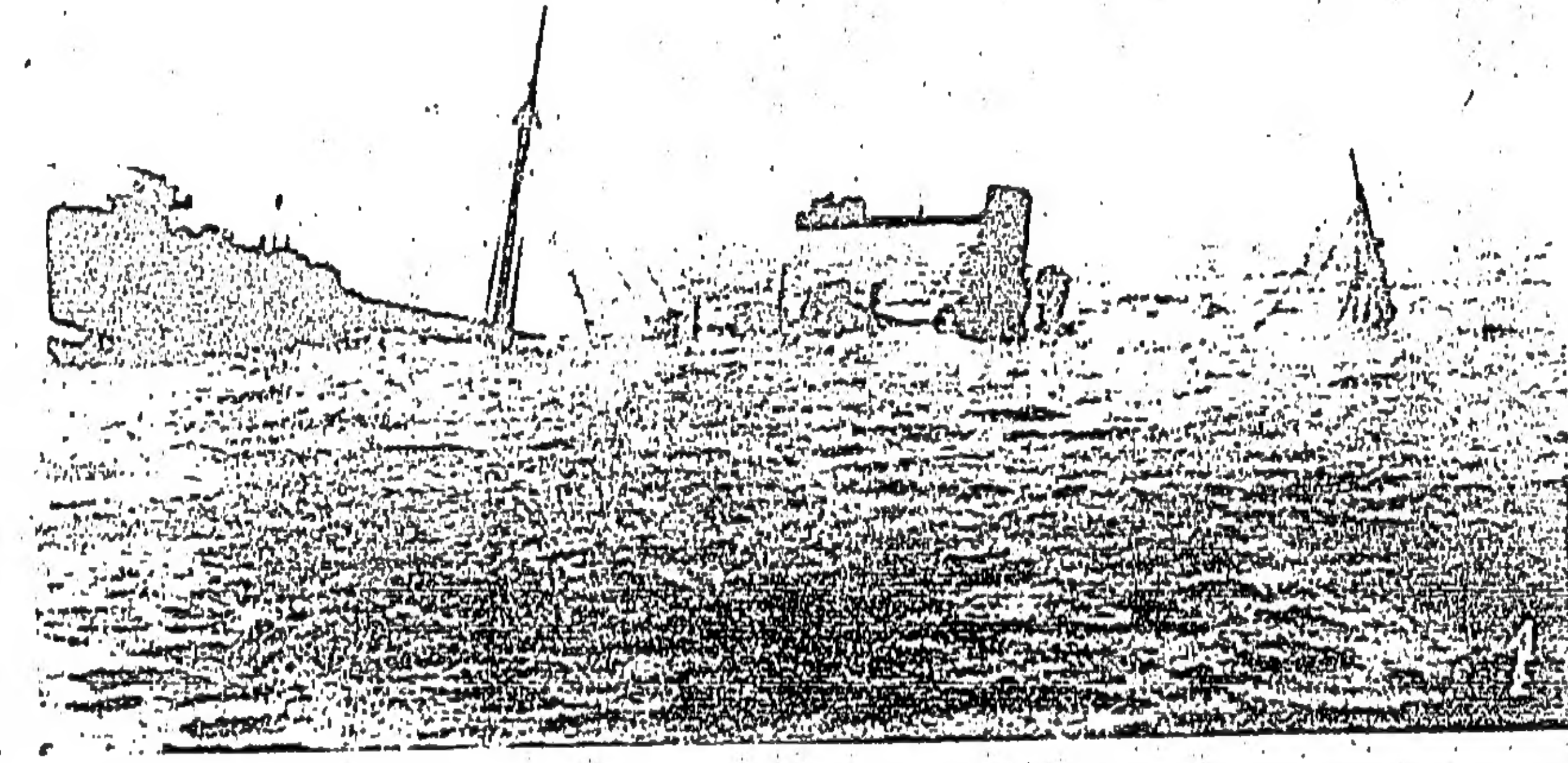
1937
July 7—War began with a brush between Japanese and Chinese soldiers near Peking.
July 30—Japanese completely controlled Peking and Tientsin.
August 11—Japanese Fleet arrived at Shanghai.
August 13—Fighting began in Shanghai.
November 12—Japanese won Shanghai battle.
December 13—Nanking, China's capital fell.
1938
April 14—China won her greatest victory at Taderchi-wang.
October 25—Japanese entered Canton.
October 25—Japanese entered Hankow.
1939
March 27—Japanese entered Nanchang.
June 21—Japanese seized part of Szechwan.
Nov. 12—Japanese seized Pukoh.
Dec. 2—Japanese seized Nanking.
"INCIDENTS"
With Britain.—In August, 1937, Japanese planes attacked the city of Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen, then British Ambassador in China. Sir Hugh was gravely wounded. In June, 1939 Japan initiated blockade of British Concession at Tientsin.
With U.S.A.—In December, 1937, Japanese planes bombed and sank the American gunboat Panay in the Yangtze.
With France.—Early this year the Japanese occupied Hainan Island, threatening French Indo-China.
With Russia.—In August, 1939, Japanese and Russian forces clashed at Changkufeng. Now they are fighting on the borders of Outer Mongolia.

BIG CITY LINER STRUCK BY MINE

British Steamer Limpers to Port

CAPTAIN HURT IN EXPLOSION

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—The City liner, City of Marseilles, was badly holed amidships after striking a mine off the Scottish coast yesterday. One Lascar was killed and 13 Indian seamen were injured. The explosion occurred only a few minutes after the liner had put the pilot aboard.



THIS GRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPH of a British steamer sinking in the North Sea was taken from the U-boat responsible for the outrage. The steamer was the ss. Blackhill. Note anti-submarine gun mounted on stern.—South China Photo Service.

Life-Boats Capsized

The ship's boats were immediately lowered but two boats capsized and about 14 men were seen swimming in the water. Three managed to climb on the hull of the liner and the pilot cutter put off one of her own boats and picked up the men in the water. Some of the men were in the last stages of exhaustion.

Afterwards the cutter took four of the liner's life-boats in tow, bringing about 40 members of the crew of the liner to port.

Little External Damage

The City of Marseilles was towed into port to-day. She had very little external damage apart from the fact that two life-boats were wrecked in their davits, but the interior of the vessel was wrecked.

Hamburg-America Ship Sunk

OSLO, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—The Hamburg-America steamer, Franko, was sunk last night near Steinsund, 45 miles north of Bergen.

Trawler & Crew Lost

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that H. M. trawler Kingston Cornhill, has been lost, with the skipper and crew of 16, in a collision.

Nazi-Soviet Trade Talks

Held Up For New Instructions

BERLIN, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—Although the Nazis continue to assert that trade talks with Soviet Russia are progressing satisfactorily, the head of the Nazi trade delegation to Moscow has returned for fresh instructions. It is reported to have had a long conference with Herr von Ribbentrop, the Nazi Foreign Minister.

Two Major Problems

It is said that the two major problems for the Nazis are:
1.—How goods are to be transported.
2.—How German industry, already severely strained, can fulfil Soviet orders, especially for such things as precision tools and instruments which are required quickly.

JAPAN SEEKS NEW PACT WITH U.S.A.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Jan. 7 (UP).—The vernacular newspapers here to-day gave banner headlines to a report that the Japanese Foreign Minister intends to invite the United States Ambassador, Mr. Joseph Grew to visit him this week, when the Japanese will press for a formal opening of trade negotiations with the object of concluding a modus vivendi.

Conscription In India Mooted

Compulsory Service For Europeans

NEW DELHI, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—It is understood that compulsory national service for male European British subjects in India is under consideration by the Government of India.

All Britons between the ages of 16 and 50 are now registered under an ordinance issued by the Viceroy on August 30.

McSPADEN WINS P.I. OPEN

MANILA, Jan. 7 (UP).—Harold "Jugs" McSpaden won the Philippines Open Golf Championship to-day with a record score of 287, on the Wack Wack Course.

Other scores were:

Emery Zimmerman	291
Miyamoto	292
T. Toda	297
B. Asami	298
Larry Montes	299
Al Zimmerman	301
N. Von Nida	302
J. Morikawa	304
H. L. Williams	307

FINN BOMPHILETS OVER LENINGRAD

(Bibles are dropped instead of pamphlets)

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—According to Finnish circles here, Finnish airmen report that they have repeatedly flown over Leningrad, dropping small bibles. Bibles have also been distributed by other methods.

The Finns believe that this will have a considerable moral effect on the Red troops.

Belisha Bombshell

PRESS IS PUZZLED

Premier Expected To Clarify Situation

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—The resignation of Mr. Hore-Belisha is still the subject of much puzzled comment in Britain, and to-day's newspapers continue to give it plenty of space. The periodic statement by the Prime Minister at Tuesday week's meeting of the House of Commons may explain the resignation, but until then all reference to Mr. Hore-Belisha's reasons must remain purely speculative. He may himself make a personal explanation to the House of Commons, but political circles in London believe that if he does, he will say very little and will probably shed very little light on the real reason.

Public's Uncasiness

The most outspoken paper is the "Observer," which says that Mr. Hore-Belisha's resignation will give the public more than a week-end of uncasiness. Whatever watch he keeps on his own lips, his record will maintain his innocence. Both the "Sunday Times" and the "Sunday Chronicle" stress that his resignation will make no difference to the conduct of the war. Both papers, too, hope that he will be back before long.

To Make Statement

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—It is understood that Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, the former War Minister, following Parliamentary tradition, will make a personal statement at the end of question time upon resumption of Parliament on January 16. He will make his last appearance at the War Office to-morrow before handing back the seals of office on Tuesday.

LATEST

EIRE COUNCIL OF STATE TO MEET

DUBLIN, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that the President of Eire, Dr. Hyde, has convened a meeting of the Council of State for to-morrow.

He will consult the Council whether the Offences Against the State Bill, empowering the Government to intern people on suspicion, should be referred by the President to the Supreme Court asking if the Bill is "repugnant to the Constitution."

This will be the first meeting of the Council of State, which has been purely a consultative body since it was established under the new Constitution in December, 1937.

DECLARATION OF DEFIANCE

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—A Finnish broadcast appeal to-day declared:
"We may be beaten by force but we shall have to be annihilated."

stating that the Ministers had exchanged views on the general European situation.

"Once again they have been able to state with satisfaction that the foundation on which the friendship and close collaboration of the two countries rest, are solid and secure, and that there exists a perfect identity of views between the two governments on all problems," the communiqué says.

The Ciano statement to the Press said that a perfect identity of views is shown not only on the political plane, but also on the moral plane on all European problems discussed. It is learned that Count Ciano is leaving for Rome during the day. Count Ciano is returning to Budapest to-morrow.

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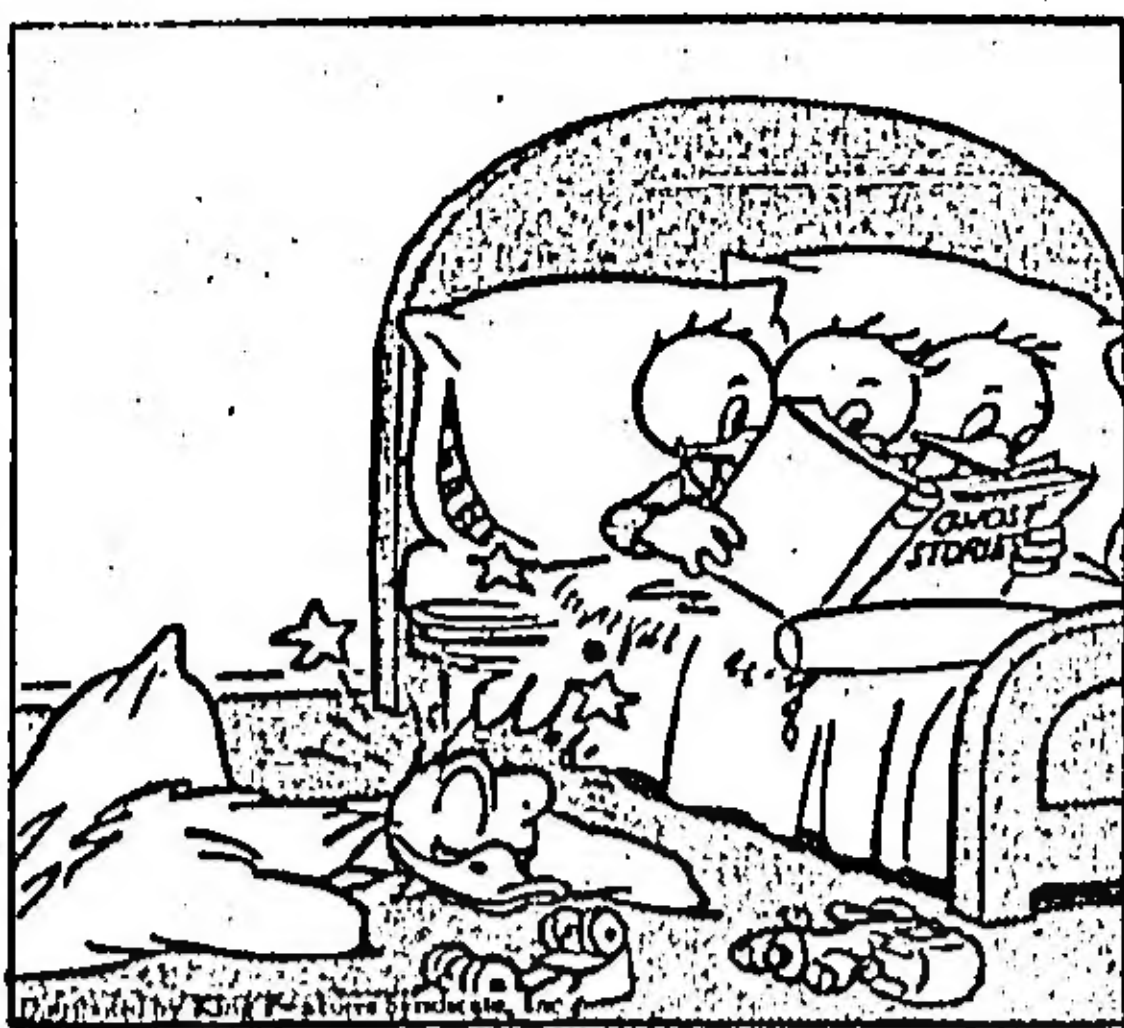
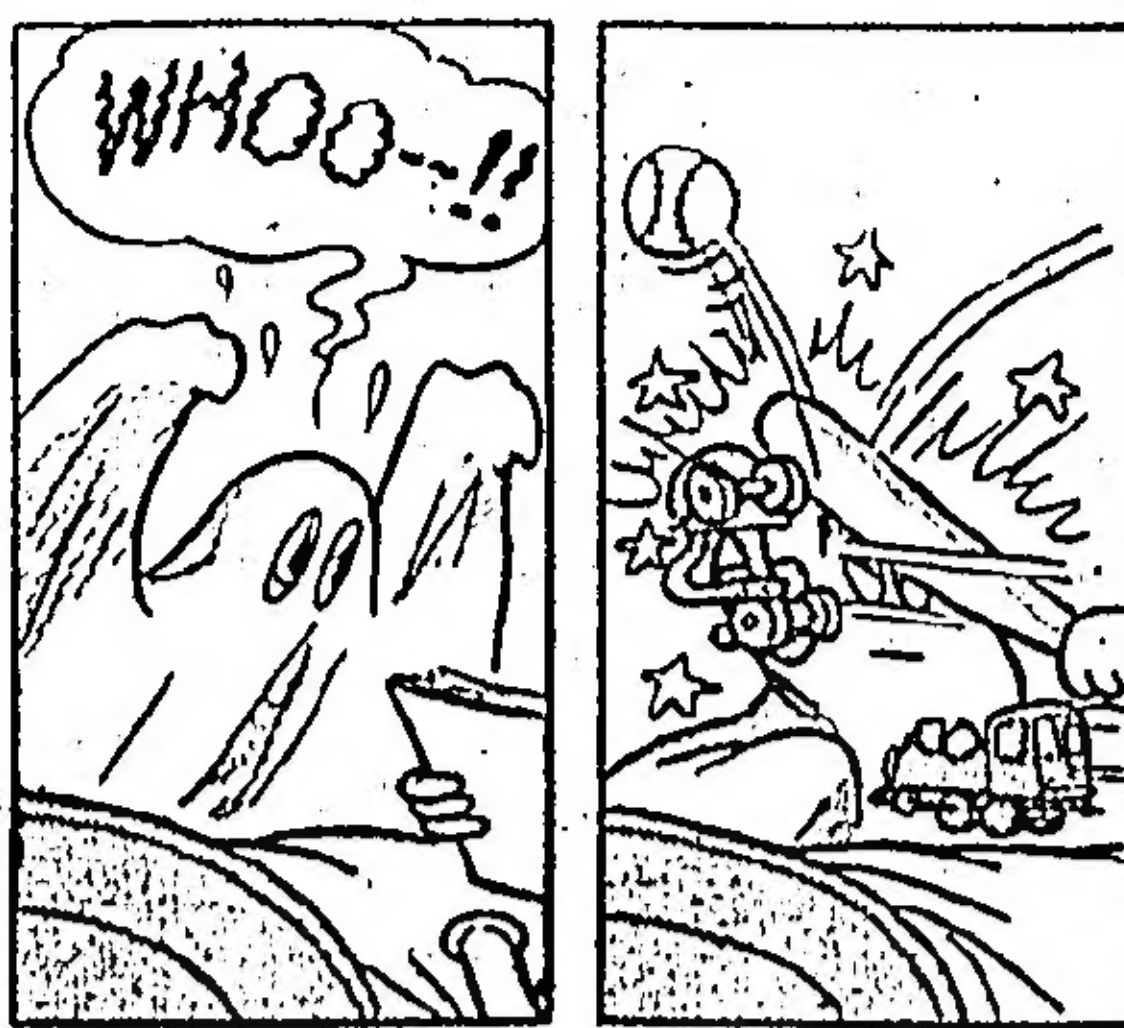
FINLAND HAS LOTS OF FOOD

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—The food situation in Finland is good. Ration cards are only required for coffee and sugar. There are ample home supplies of milk, cream, butter and eggs.

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By Walt Disney



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A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Jan. 8, 1890.
 The interesting action that, imprisonment for debt has been abolished in Great Britain is heavily contrasted by the fact that recent statistics show that no fewer than ten thousand debtors are now, or were quite lately, in English prisons.

25 YEARS AGO

Jan. 8, 1915.
 The arrest of Cardinal Mercier, Archbishop of Malines, has caused a profound impression in Rome. Papal circles are astonished and can hardly believe that Germany would be guilty of such an act.

It is reported that President Wilson is lending his support to the candidacy of Mr. Champ Clark for the democratic presidential nomination in 1916.

10 YEARS AGO

Jan. 8, 1930.
 Hongkong is again in the grip of a cold snap, the temperature recorded at the Royal Observatory this morning 7 o'clock being 41.7. We have to go back twelve years to find a lower January temperature than this, the mercury then falling to 38.8.

5 YEARS AGO

Jan. 8, 1935.
 At 7 o'clock tonight in the Venice Palace, Signor Mussolini and M. Laval signed the three main agreements, and additional protocols for peace, included in the Franco-Italian Pact which will, it is hoped, embrace the nations of Europe in a friendly understanding for the preservation of peaceful relations and existing frontiers.

Early comment upon President Roosevelt's budget speech reveals some concern in certain quarters at the prospective increase in the already staggering public debt. It is felt by members of both parties that the public debt burden is growing out of all proportion.

Speaking at a memorial service meeting held in Nanjing today, Mr. Wang Ching-wei, President of the Executive Yuan, said that 1936 would be a most critical year for China for in this year the situation in the Orient and the world in general, would likely see radical changes. He urged the people of China to unite themselves to a greater degree to fight for existence as a nation.

Inside Germany

Blitzkrieg Or Collapse

By Willi Erischauer



"GERMANY is prepared to carry on a victorious war and then conclude peace. We are resolved to fight until the British Empire is destroyed." This was a recent declaration by a spokesman of the German Foreign Office. He added:

"It is hoped to deal with the enemies separately; first annihilating Britain, and then dictating terms to France."

The whole German Press was crying, "War to the end against Britain." Correspondents of neutral papers were spurred on by Berlin officials to give the impression that the war is really to start in earnest now. Hitler, it was intimated, has at last made up his mind; the order has been given to bring Britain to her knees, to smash the British Empire.

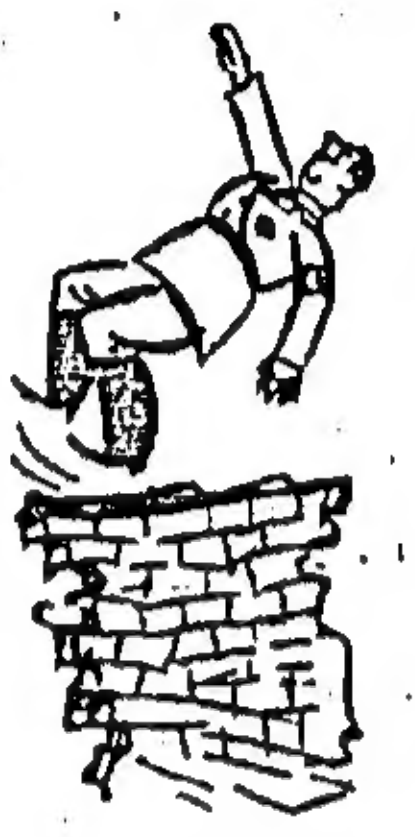
But how? No hint of that is given in any of the messages so far sent out of Berlin.

REPORTS from Zurich tell of rising discontent in Austria. There is resistance to orders and sabotage in factories. Women demonstrate, carrying empty baskets, in Vienna market-places. A high official of the Vienna police is rumoured to have been assassinated on Thursday morning.

The Paris "Matin" says that General von Blomberg, former War Minister and Commander-in-Chief of the German Army, has been shot and 150 officers have been arrested for a plot against Hitler.

The correspondent of a Stockholm newspaper, living in Berlin, dares openly to say that the German people are obviously perturbed by the signs of indecision in the Nazi High Command.

The United States' Press, served also by correspondents in Berlin, was unanimous yesterday in writing of the German strategic position as serious, and in describing the mood of the German people as one of despair.



HITLER'S YES MEN SAY 'NO'

THE above reports reach London from neutral sources. Some of the sources are clearly inspired by Nazi propagandists. Others attempt to give an objective picture of the Nazi position as foreign observers see it.

Let me tell you here what I think of them and what, in my opinion, is going on inside Germany.

SEEKING ADVICE
 Hitler has never taken a major decision without calling in all his responsible Nazi collaborators. And he has never listened to their advice. Those whom he summoned usually trembled lest their views should disagree with the Führer's. Some of them, before going to see him, said good-bye to their families. Good-bye for ever.

BLITZKRIEG, the German for "lightning war," has in the last month become almost part of the English language. Pronounced blitzkrieg. In German it is pronounced as "ee" in time; EI as "i" in time.

I have no doubt that it all started in the same way this time. The only—and vital—difference is that now everybody seems to disagree with Hitler. There is Goering, the Nazi heir-apparent, who wanted to make a broadest plan for frugality among the Nazis. "How dare you make a speech like

that?" Hitler is reported to have said, looking at Goering's figure.

The fat Field-Marshal left Hitler offended, dispirited, angry.

It was the first real quarrel between the two. It might well have tremendous consequences. How about the home front? This is the question which Hitler put to Himmler.

But since the bomb exploded in the Munich beerhouse Hitler has not trusted Himmler quite so much. And Himmler is the kind to reply by making his report as black as possible.

It emphasises the essential importance of his job. There is, he must report, trouble in Prague. The students, for centuries the banner-bearers of revolution, are restless again.

S.S. and Gestapo cannot hold down the young Czechs. They have grown up in the tradition of the struggle for freedom and they are carrying it on. A few hundred arrests cannot break their spirit.

There are the Austrians, some of whom greeted Hitler enthusiastically when he marched in.

Two years' experience of the Nazi regime—without their adored coffee and whipped cream—has done much to change their loyalties.

They think of happier days before and even after the last war. The Austrians are temperamental, noisy, restless, revolutionary by habit. They are more than ever restless now.

GENERALS' SCORN
 Hitler can turn only to his generals. The conduct of the war is in their hands.

But they pour ridicule on his conception of a "Blitzkrieg." They have expressed their opinion in the military journals more than once.

A modern offensive calls for extensive preparations, they said, and these preparations cannot be hidden from the enemy.

The element of surprise must be ruled out.

The enemy can be left in doubt as to the exact point at which attack will be launched, but "Blitzkrieg"—impossible!

In peace time Hitler would have sacked—or shot—every general opposing his command, or even his view.

He cannot do so now. Whatever his plans, he needs all his generals, and their goodwill to carry them out.

There is Goebbels, whom he would have sacked had not the foreign Press registered his disgrace as a sign of internal Nazi dissension.

There is Himmler, his influence with Hitler waning, and trying to count his Nazi blessings.

There is Goering, the successor.

FINAL THROW
 Finally there are—let us not forget them—the great mass of the German people.

They are prepared to follow Hitler on his road to glory and aggrandisement.

But a popular German poem has it that their same followers will have their hero at the first sign of failure. Such a sign is now beginning to throw a shadow over Hitler's Germany.

The great vision which Hitler, the orator, painted for his people, cannot be materialised by Hitler, the politician and strategist.

I believe that his credit with the

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MR. CHARLES STEVENSON, a chauffeur, of Hatch End, Middlesex, never goes to the pictures.

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"I drove Mr. Bickley about for 20 years," he said, "and he was more like a father than a master to me."

EVERYONE OUGHT TO MAKE A WILL

(Continued from Page 4.)

"I give to my brother George Smith my gold watch and a sum of £50." You will then give only the residue of your estate to your wife or whoever is to have it.

Go on next to appoint one or more executors to deal with your estate.

"I appoint... Don't appoint somebody who is likely to die before you or who might not be on hand when wanted. It may be a good plan in these days to appoint the Public Trustee or the Executor Department of one of the Banks; they will do the work for quite reasonable fees and they can always be found.

When you have said all you want to, you must sign the Will immediately beneath what you have written.

"In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this first day of November One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Nine; John Smith."

The signature must be witnessed by two witnesses, and this clause should be added before they sign: "Signed by the above named J. Smith in the presence of us present at the same time who in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses. That sounds rather rigid, but it will save trouble when the Will comes to be proved."

The witnesses should add their addresses and occupations and may be anybody who would be competent to give evidence if necessary, but they must not be persons (or the husband or wife of any person) who get any benefit under the Will—if they witness they lose their legacies.

That's all you need do. No seals. No stamps. And very likely a better job than the Will of a certain Chancery Judge which ran to several thousand highly technical words and proved to be as full of holes as a sieve!

But let me add a word of warning. If you want to do anything more involved than the very simple scheme outlined above or if your affairs are at all complicated, you should let a solicitor draft a Will for you. I know of one man who boasted that he wouldn't spend legal fees on a job he could do himself, but that little economy cost his wife £10,000 because he ought to have used a form of words he didn't know.

If you already have a Will, take another look at it. How old is it? Is it still what you meant? Have any of the legatees died since it was made?

A last word about soldiers, sailors and airmen, because they have special powers about Wills. Any service man on active service or a sailor at sea can make a Will without obeying any formalities at all. Even a few words scratched on an identity disc have been held to be a valid Will of a serving soldier.

Moreover, he need not have attained the age of 21 which is necessary before any civilian can make a Will.

German people is big enough to give him one more chance.

He will probably succeed in settling the present crisis inside Germany and launch a campaign of frightfulness on the Western world.

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1.45 Mendelssohn—Oetel in E Flat Major, Op. 20. International String Octet.

2.15 Close down.

6.0 "For the Children."

6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Reginald Dixon at the Organ.

6.45 Variety with Margatroyd and Winterbottom, Norman Long, Frances Day, Fred Sien and George Scott-Wood.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather

Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio Concert by the "Tower" Orchestra conducted by Robert Moncur.

9.05 Studio—Comments on Recent Events.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.20 A Short Violin Concert by Yehudi Menuhin.

9.40 Haydn, Quartet in D Major, Op. 76, No. 4. Friska Quartet.

10.0 Songs by Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano).

10.10 Brahms, Concerto No. 1 in D Minor, Op. 15. Arthur Schnabel (Piano) and the London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Georg Szell.

11.0 Close down.

Whitehall Visits Front Lines

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—The Financial Secretary to the British War Office is to spend a few days at the B.E.F. Headquarters in France. Lord Halifax has paid a visit to the secret headquarters of the R.A.F. Fighter Command.

WATCH ON WAR MORALS

The West London Mission is preparing to increase its peace-time morality campaign to meet war-time and black-out needs. The Rev. Donald Soper, head of the Mission, says: "I do not think that some of the undesirable features of the last war are being repeated in the West End, and there is no evidence yet that this war has produced immorality on a bigger scale than in peace time."

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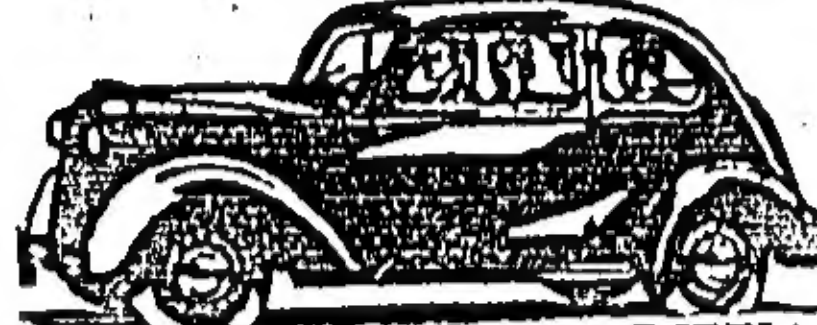
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Tribute

THOUGH the war on land has reached a point of deadlock and the war in the air still hangs fire, at sea the struggle for mastery is being waged relentlessly and on an ever-increasing scale.

For weeks we have all been saying: "This is a queer war—nothing seems to happen," but that was because we were safely on dry land. Plenty has been happening at sea. Hundreds of men and women have suffered and died, and many fine ships have been sunk.

Look at the list. The Athenia, the Courageous, the Royal Oak. A submarine, a destroyer, a minesweeper. Numerous trawlers and cargo boats, carrying on with their all-important task of bringing supplies to Britain. A dozen or two of neutral ships. And now a sudden spate of sinkings by the merciless Nazi mines.

Let us pay tribute to the crews of all these ships, British and neutral alike, who have known full swell the dangers they were facing and have still done their duty. Let us pay tribute to the passengers who have been the victims of the war, at sea, and to the men who have risked their own lives in the work of rescue. Let us salute the devotion of all these men, and their steadfast courage.

LET us determine, also, to face and overcome the new problems created by the Nazi mines which prey indiscriminately on the shipping of the world. The intention is clear—to ring our coasts with an impassable barrier and starve us out.

What is the answer? First, the one that has been given—economic reprisals. Second, the sweeping of the mines. If, as is supposed, they are mines of a new type, the task of sweeping them may present new difficulties. We must overcome those difficulties, and we believe that they will be overcome.

Third, and not least important, we must strain every effort not merely to replace the ships we are losing, but to build up a merchant fleet which will more than suffice for all our war-time needs, with a margin to spare. That is a great task, but it can be done.

Hongkong, with its splendid shipyards, can be expected to play an important part in this work.



"WHEN DID YOU LAST SEE YOUR FATHER?"

A suspected anti-Hitler plot by the ex-Crown Prince and other relatives of the exiled Kaiser is being investigated by the Nazis, say reports from Germany.

CONSCIENCE on the CARPET

by Stuart Fletcher

"CONSCIENCE," said Hamlet, "doth make cowards of us all." But in war-time conscience makes brave men of a lot of young people.

Think of the nervousness, the desperate unhappiness which most of us feel if we are called upon to make the shortest speech at a wedding or a dinner or to say thank you publicly for a set of presentation fish-knives.

What a torturing procession ensues of ums and ahs, throat-clearings and nervous cluttings of the nearest solid support! The Englishman's home is his soap-box; outside it as a rule he is as dumb as an ox and not nearly as decorative.

Yet in many parts of Britain at present young men of 20 and 21 with no experience of public speaking are standing up in public courts to proclaim views which in a country at war are the most unpopular views they could possibly hold—pacifist ones.

Except for the professional martyr, it is never wholly pleasant, and certainly always difficult, to swim against the main current of public opinion.

The War Aim

Possibly young conscientious objectors are fortified in their appeal for tolerance by the statement that this particular war is being fought for democracy and liberty and the freedom of individual opinion.

Come with me, then, to one particular Conscientious Objectors' Tribunal, which in the course of little more than a month, has gained for itself some notoriety, to see how far these high-minded principles are being given expres-

sion by the professional examiners of conscience.

These elderly examiners—a county court judge, a professor of philosophy, an educationist, and a retired trade union leader—sit in the Council Chamber of Fulham Town Hall. They constitute the London Conscientious Objectors' Tribunal.

Stage is Set

A half-circle of oak pews faces them. Overlooking them is a public gallery whence from time to time come duly approved titters, murmurs of disapprobation, and whispered controversies.

Around the chamber are stained glass windows of past kings and queens of England.

A life-size oil painting of George the Fifth behind the judge's chair is flanked by stiff and lifeless portraits of numerous mayors of Fulham, all of whom the artists have contrived with considerable ingenuity to make look like mayors rather than human beings.

The stage is set. An usher—a one-armed man who is probably a wounded veteran of the last war—calls out a name and a young man, his Adam's apple bobbing up and down in an extremity of nervousness, walks hurriedly into the hall, he court and faces the Tribunal.

Having verified the applicant's name, the judge reads out his statement claiming exemption. This is a testament of faith, some-

times eloquently, more often tediously written, but none the less a testament.

The judge reads it out in a flat, dry, hurrying voice as if it is an inventory of rather unsavoury groceries.

Then come questions. And these, as I have pointed out in this newspaper already, give the impression of being designed less to measure the depth of an applicant's conscience than to muddle a mind already confused by the necessity of making a desperate decision.

The amount of barren theological disputation and smart-alecky bandying of Bible texts which goes on in this court would have tried the patience even of a conference of medieval schoolmen.

"Where in the New Testament," asks the judge, "does Christ specifically say that war is incompatible with His teaching?"

Who is Wrong?

"Love your neighbour as yourself by all means," allows the philosopher member of the Tribunal, speaking in a crisp and quite delightful Scottish accent, "but don't attempt to tell me that you can extend that love to a whole country. That is untenable."

"Yet was it not Mr. Chamberlain's own brother who vowed on a famous occasion: 'I love France as one loves a woman!'"

The judge dealing with another young man has an ingenious idea,

stalling repugnant to God? he asks. But God so loved the world that He sent His only Son to the earth to be killed for humanity's sake. Moreover, in the last resort, by means of death He kills us all.

On and on the arguments go, settling nothing except that a number of young men who have expressed their conscientious objection to participating in the activities of the war machine are clutched into its mechanism.

Nearly always their bewildered incoherence is no match for the dialectical skill and frivolous ingenuity of the Tribunal.

Elbowed Out

An applicant gives a political basis for his objection. But, says the Tribunal, politics have nothing to do with conscience.

Are we, then, to believe that our rulers and representatives, elected under the democracy for which we are fighting, are professional cynics devoid of conscience and able like lawyers to adapt their political faiths to the most remunerative brief?

Occasionally Mr. A. B. Swales, the trade union member, rosy-faced, white-moustached, and rather reassuring, enters the debate with more good intent than success—his method of patient inquiry seems to be elbowed out by the debating society experts.

And what, in terms of figures, does this Tribunal achieve? In just over a month since its first sitting on October 3, 405 cases were heard by it.

Of the applicants 100 were ordered to do non-combatant service, 165 were exempted from fighting on condition that they did civilian work of national importance (many of them were already doing so); seven were unconditionally exempted; and 104 had their applications totally rejected.

To the applicants, at all events, that must be an unsatisfactory state of affairs. The State itself will suffer, too, in further waste of time when the Appeals Tribunal has to hear many of these cases all over again.

Rough and Ready

Meanwhile, although the problem is one to try the wisdom and patience of angels, far more satisfactory results are being obtained in other courts.

I attended a sitting of the South-East of England Tribunal. Here the applicant's initial objection seemed to be accepted, and the Tribunal probed its depth by finding out what kind of job the man before them would be willing to do in wartime.

Falling second sight on the part of a judge, this seems to be the best rough-and-ready method. For, since we are fighting for freedom, it is obvious that tolerance should err on the side of error rather than dragging unwilling people into an activity which they abhor.

Everyone Ought To Make a Will A Solicitor Tells You How

WITHOUT wanting to be unduly gloomy, we must admit that in these days of possible black-outs life is even more precarious than usual.

Therefore if it was wise for every man and woman to make a Will in peace time, it is even more a duty now to see that your affairs are in reasonable order.

Practically everybody has something to leave if it's only some furniture or an insurance policy, and you will want to make sure that it goes to the proper person. If you leave no Will the law will distribute your goods for you according to the rules of intestacy, but that may mean something very different from what you intended.

And that is especially true if you are a single man or woman—distant relatives whom you may not in the least care for roll up from the ends of the earth to share in your estate.

At the moment solicitors' offices are full of people who want Wills drafted, but not everyone has guineas to spare just now. But there is no great difficulty about making a simple Will and if your affairs are not complicated you can do it perfectly well yourself.

For most of us, all we want to do is to say who is to have our bits of property and who is to look after our estate. You can do it like this.

A Will must be in writing, but it may be in ink or pencil, typewritten or printed. It may be on any material, but most of us would use paper. There have been plenty of frank Wills made on such things as egg-shells, shirt-fronts, and photographs and it is even said that some one is walking about with his Will

tattooed on his back, but such odd ideas merely cast doubt upon the sanity of the testator.

You can begin by saying "I, John Smith, of . . . hereby revoke all former Wills made by me and declare this to be my last Will."

Then go on to say as simply as possible what you want to do with your property. Avoid using any legal terms you may not fully understand—they may have some technical meaning which is not what you intend.

If you are leaving all your goods to your wife you will say "I give all my real and personal estate to my wife, Jane Smith." But if you are giving any special gifts to friends or relatives they should be set out first—

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OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

Britain Becomes More Sober

LONDON, Jan. 6 (British Wire).—Licensing statistics recently published by the Stationery Office reveal a remarkable decline both in the consumption of drink and convictions for drunkenness in Britain over the last quarter of a century.

Convictions for drunkenness per ten thousand of the population in 1913 were 5.16, and in 1938 1.31, which represents a fall of 2.40 per cent. compared with 1937.

Consumption of beer in gallons per head fell from 27.80 in 1913 to 14.22 in 1938, and spirits from 69.05 in 1913 to 20.63 in 1938.

Dr. Smalley To Retire Shortly

After 31 years spent in the service of the Fijian and Hongkong Medical Departments Dr. J. T. Smalley, Senior Medical Officer in charge of Kowloon Hospital, is going on leave on January 20, prior to retirement. Happily, this does not mean that Dr. Smalley is to be lost to Hongkong, for not only has he definitely decided to settle in the Colony, but he may pursue his professional career in a private capacity.

Son of Major-General Frederick Smalley, of the Indian Army, Dr. Smalley was born in 1882. He had a distinguished medical career in England before he received his first Colonial appointment which took him to Fiji in February, 1910, when he began three and a half years' health service.

Transferred to Hongkong, he reached the Colony in May, 1913, and his services have been widely appreciated. From November, 1917, to January, 1920, he was Acting Principal Civil Medical Officer, and in the following month he began a year's service as Acting Deputy Director of Medical and Sanitary Services. From June, 1937, to March, 1938, he was Acting Director of Medical Services and Deputy Registrar of Births and Deaths, and for a short term at the end of the latter year he was Acting Director of Medical Services. He was appointed Senior Medical Officer in January, 1939.

Kowloon Hospital Work

Apart from above posts, Dr. Smalley has spent almost all of his time in the Kwong Wah Hospital, Victoria Hospital, Government Civil Hospital, and Kowloon Hospital. The last-named institution has claimed him since its opening on December 22, 1925; he has seen it grow to quadruple its initial size and has given his cure to a list of patients that has increased from one to 157. Only three spells on departmental duties have broken his connection with the hospital.

Dr. Smalley's training has also been placed at the command of young Hongkong students. He was Examiner in Physiology at the University in 1913 and 1914, Lecturer and Examiner in Medical Jurisprudence and Hygiene on several occasions, and, again, Lecturer and Examiner in Pharmacology.

At present Dr. Smalley is a member of the United Services Recreation Club and a life member of the Kowloon Football Club and can look back on a long and creditable sporting career. In the Colony he has played league cricket and tennis with the Civil Service Club, and tennis with the U.S.R.C. Though he still plays tennis, he has lately turned to bowls and has played in the second division with the Kowloon Football Club. He was President of the Lawn Bowls Association in 1939.

The troubled world conditions make it doubtful for Dr. Smalley to decide where he will spend his leave. He is only certain that, wherever he goes, he will return to Hongkong—a decision which will be welcomed by a multitude of friends and grateful patients in the Colony.

American Loses His Watches

TWO BRITISH SOLDIERS are alleged in a report to the police to be thought responsible for the theft of two watches from the residence of Mr. T. B. Wilson, 143 Waterloo Road.

In a report to the police, Mr. Wilson states that the two soldiers, with whom he became acquainted during the New Year holidays, forced their way into his room at 2 a.m. yesterday. After he had ejected them he found that the watches were missing.

The Past Students of Wah Yan College held a successful "At Home" by courtesy of the Rev. Fr. Rector of the College, at their Alma Mater on last Saturday. Those present were V. Rev. R. W. Gallagher, S.J., headmaster of the College, Messrs. Lim Hoi-yan, headmaster of Wah Yan College, Kowloon and Ko Fook-sun, President, Rev. T. F. Ryan, S.J., Rev. A. Conroy, S.J., Rev. H. E. Craig, S.J., many others of the teaching staff and a large number of the members of their Association.

Russians Retreat Again: Finnish Gains Reported

Helsinki, Jan. 6.

The Finnish northern army has launched another lightning stroke at the cumbersome Red Army machine.

Russian forces are reported to be again in retreat, leaving 600 dead behind.—Reuter.

Karelian Isthmus

Helsinki, Jan. 6.

Last night's Finnish communiqué reported fighting at several points on the Central Front and lively artillery activity on the Karelian Isthmus.

It is reported that at a point some 100 miles north of Lake Ladoga, the Finns have advanced 12 miles across Soviet territory.

In the far north, in the Suomalainen sector, large Soviet units are reported to have been defeated, while fighting on the Polar Front continues to be held up by extreme cold.—Reuter.

Artillery Activity

Helsinki, Jan. 6.

A communiqué reports increased artillery activity on the Karelian Isthmus, while on the eastern front at Suomalainen fighting is in progress in the direction of Ruutu. In minor engagements 11 tanks were captured and other war material.

Taking advantage of the fine weather, Soviet aircraft carried out bombing raids over the central part and northern Finland. At Mikkele civilians, including women and children, were killed.

Finnish aircraft carried out numerous reconnaissance and bombing flights.—Reuter.

Russian Losses

Rovaniemi, Jan. 6.

Informed private sources to-day said Finnish patrols have cut the Murmansk railways at least once opposite the Salla sector and also dynamited the line somewhere in the woods.

It is admitted that the Russians may since have been able to repair the damage.

Reports said Finnish patrols are constantly operating behind the Russian border where the constant danger of sudden dynamiting operations causing irreparable damage is undoubtedly disorganising supply movements.

The recent Finnish victories have pushed the main lines of battle back to the Salla front only 32 miles from the Russian border. The full significance of the five quick Finnish victories on the north and central fronts is only now being realised.

The whole Russian advance which reached as far as Kamhera has apparently been nullified.

For all practical purposes the Russians are still being held at Salla.

It is estimated that the Russian losses during the crucial five days' fighting totalled between ten and twelve thousand killed which is more than half a division. It is estimated also that the entire Russian strength on this front is not more than one or two divisions.—United Press.

Reports From Moscow

Moscow, Jan. 6.

A communiqué issued by the Headquarters of the Leningrad Military Area stated there were nothing important in all directions on January 5. It claimed in Petrozavodsk direction Soviet patrols annihilated the entire Finnish group of 50.—United Press.

Reuter adds that a number of successful raids by Soviet aviators on enemy reserves and military objectives were made. Ten enemy planes were brought down in aerial combat.

Soviet Raids

Helsinki, Jan. 6.

Nine Soviet planes dropped 22 bombs on Viikinkaari-Kovola railway between Helsinki and Viipuri, destroying ten houses and killing two people including a girl of 18 years old. In addition 15 women and one old man were injured.—United Press.

Finns Aviator's Success

Helsinki, Jan. 6.

What is claimed as one of the most remarkable feats of the war was accomplished by a Finnish aviator when he accounted for six out of nine Russian planes which raided Uti, 60 miles north-east of the capital. Two other Russian aircraft were brought down in the same raid.

The capital has been again without an air raid warning and life is steadily becoming normal. Thirty-two cinemas have been re-opened.

To-day was the coldest day in Finland this winter. The temperature fell to 54 degrees of frost.—Reuter.

Russian Plans Ready

Helsinki, Jan. 6.

There are many indications that the Russian Army commanders abandon the idea that Finland could be conquered in a short and sharp lightning war, wherefore they have started preparing for a long war.

The decrease of heavy bombing during the past few days except at a few points is attributed to the fact the Russians used thousands of bombs last month for the bombing of over 50 different civilian centres throughout Finland and that they must bring up fresh supplies of bombs over the clogged railways.—United Press.

Attack In Two Months

Helsinki, Jan. 6.

Foreign military experts visiting here expressed the belief that Soviet forces would concentrate their attacks on the Karelian Isthmus for two months hereafter.

They pointed out that at present Soviet troops are continuing relentless artillery bombardment of the Mannerheim Line but otherwise only minor activity is seen at all other fronts.—Dated.

CLAIM AGAINST CHARITY

THREE friends of Mr. Caleb Diplock, of Polegate, Sussex, have spent the last two years distributing £300,000 of his estate to charity.

Mr. Diplock, who died in 1936, was a company director, and he left a fortune of over half a million.

After making bequests of £45,000, he stipulated that these friends should give the rest to good causes. But now a claimant has appeared—an old man who lives in Australia. He says he is a cousin of Mr. Diplock and as next of kin claims that he is entitled to that £300,000.

The executors, Mr. Leslie C. Wintle and Mr. Charles Thomas, of Eastbourne, and Dr. Lionel Hanson, of Witley, have advised the charities they have helped not to dispose of any assets pending a decision.

"It has come as a surprise to us to learn of a relative," Mr. Wintle said.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says: This morning has proved the best Saturday's trading for some considerable time past. Docks again led the field, but they did not have it all to themselves. Hotels, Providents, Watsons, Trams, Cements and Telephones, New were amongst the followers. Sales were reported in Hongkong Banks at the improved rate of \$1,400.

Buyers	
H.K. Bank	\$1,390
Union Ins.	\$205
Union Ins.	\$440
Douglases	\$72
Providents	\$412
Hotels	\$5.65
Lands	\$33
Realities	\$4.35
Tramways	\$177
Yunnan Service	\$233 1/2
China Lights (Old)	\$7 1/2
Electricity	\$54 1/2
Sandakan Lights	\$11 1/2
Telephones (Old)	\$24 1/2
Telephones (New)	\$9 1/2
Cements	\$17.80
Ropes	\$9
Dairy Farms (Old)	\$22
Dairy Farms (New)	\$21 1/2
Watsons	\$9.20
Entertainments	\$63 1/2
Constructions (Old)	\$13 1/2
Sellers	
Docks	\$22 1/2
Hotels	\$5
Electricity	\$55
Cements	\$18.10
Ropes	\$9 1/2
Watsons	\$9 1/2
Sales	
H.K. Bank	\$1,400
Docks	\$22.20/22 1/2
Providents	\$4.55/4.60
Hotels	\$5 3/4/8
Tramways	\$17 1/2/18
China Lights (Old)	\$7 1/2
Telephone (New)	\$9 1/2
Cements	\$17.85/8
Dairy Farms (Old)	\$22
Watsons	\$9.20

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Demonstration	12 1/2 s
East Mindanao	11 1/2 s
I. X. L.	40 s
Ipo Gold	30 1/2 s
Rogers Mining	10 s
Manila Con.	12 s
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Mind. Motherlode	10 s
Mine Operation	11 1/2 s
North Camarines	10 s
Paracale Gumbaus	10 s
San Mateo	20 1/2 s
Surigao Con.	20 1/2 s
Suyo Con.	14 s
Syndicate Inv.	12 s
United Paracale	34 s
Benguet Con.	5 1/2 s

POLITICAL STORM NOW BREWING

LONDON, Jan. 6 (UP).—There are signs here of a political storm brewing over Mr. More-Bell's resignation. It is expected that Mr. Chamberlain will be pressed to give a complete explanation of what is going on behind the scenes in the War Office when Parliament reconvenes on January 16 when Mr. More-Bell may also give his side of the question.

This afternoon's newspapers are agreed that the War Minister's quarrel with the British Army generals led to his resignation. It has been freely stated that even Mr. More-Bell himself was amazed when on Thursday the Prime Minister suggested he should leave the War Office," says the conservative "Evening News." "The developments leading to the War Minister's departure are believed to have been sensational."

The Liberal "Birmingham Gazette" led the demand for a Parliamentary investigation.

The general view seems to be based on the belief, first that Mr. More-Bell was thrown out of office at the demand of reactionary elements; second the result might be a storm to force a larger and more sensational change in the personnel of the Cabinet.

The anger voiced in the Press reflected the views of important political interests, the general public's bewilderment and a general feeling of uneasiness.

PEIPING INCIDENT SETTLED

Peiping, Jan. 6.

Col. A. H. Turnage announced that the case of the American sentry who shot a Japanese soldier has been amicably settled—the sentry shooting in the line of duty.

It is stated that the shot broke a rib of the Japanese. The Japanese was on leave from the Fengtai garrison and was celebrating New Year, and was under the influence of liquor. Two American sentries observed the soldier climbing the wall. Four shots were fired, one hitting the Japanese.—United Press.

Incident Not Serious

Peiping, Jan. 7.

It is learned that the incident involving a Japanese and a United States marine is likely to be settled amicably in the near future as it is regarded by neither side as serious.

It appears that the Japanese sentry was on sentry duty, was fully within his rights in firing.

The Japanese was only slightly wounded, the bullet glancing off his chest and not causing serious injury, contrary to the first Japanese reports that he was seriously hurt. It seems fairly well established that the Japanese was intoxicated at the time, but the official account of the incident has not yet been released.

The Japanese, who was in uniform, was shot on Thursday night when he broke into the quarter-master's compound of the American Embassy Guard and refused to stop when challenged by a marine sentry.—Reuter.

GERMAN TROUBLES

London, Jan. 6.

The collapse of retail trade in Germany is now admitted by the Nazis even in print. A German newspaper declares that the full seriousness of the situation is beginning to appear in the New Year.

It says shopkeepers can only supply a fraction of the goods demanded, and they also have to put up with transport difficulties.

Shopkeepers have to sit up far into the night sorting out ration cards. To-day, and even more in the future, says the newspaper, many shops will completely or to a large extent close down.

An Amsterdam report says that 15 of the largest clearing establishments in Germany will be closed as from February 1.

The report adds that small shops are being required to close in all parts of Germany, particularly those dealing in textiles and shoes.—Reuter.

Germans Rationed

London, Jan. 6.

Germans have two meatless days a week, and fish, poultry, vegetables and fruit are rationed.

In addition the sale of real tea and coffee is forbidden.

Germans are only allowed one small piece of soap a month. Little wool is available for darning and none for knitting.

Shoes can only be repaired four times a year.

New gramophone records can be bought only if old records are given in.—Reuter Bulletin.

German Labour

Berlin, Jan. 6.

Thirteen farm labourers have been sent to prison by the Nazi Government for listening to British broadcasts. Their sentences range from 12 to 18 months.

In Hamburg, a 52-year old saloon keeper and two others have been sent to prison for three years for listening to foreign broadcasts.—Reuter Bulletin.

German Jews

Berlin, Jan. 6.

Germans who entertain Jews in their houses can be turned out by their landlords.

This is according to a ruling handed down by a district court, under which a landlord has been given the power of eviction in such a case.

Germans are also forbidden to have social relations with Jews under the ruling.

The Nazi newspapers say the case may set a precedent for other parts of Germany.—Reuter Bulletin.

IMPORTANT STATEMENT EXPECTED

Tokyo, Jan. 7.

Following a report by the Premier, General Nobuyuki Abe, to the Throne to-morrow, the Government will issue a public statement in the near future clarifying the Japanese position in the Peiping incident, the disposal of the Chinese incident, the Yomurti Shihnam incident, to-day.

The paper declares that the statement will emphasise the Japanese objective in the present situation. In this connection the journal points out that the Japanese Government recognises the principle of a new regime under Mr. Wang Ching-wei as the first step towards the construction of New China as affirmed in Prince Kono's statement of December 22, 1938.

The statement, according to the paper, will also inform the Japanese people that the establishment of the new regime alone does not mean a solution of the China incident but that the future war of construction will be fought on a long-term basis. The statement will therefore urge the Japanese people to maintain strong determination in the face of such a situation.

The paper adds that Prince Kono's statement lays down the following principles:

The complete extermination of the anti-Japanese Kuomintang Government and the establishment of a new order in East Asia with China, Japan and Manchukuo united in realising the relationship of neighbourly amity, common defence against Communism and economic co-operation.

The conclusion of a Sino-Japanese anti-Communist agreement and stationing of Japanese troops at specified points as an anti-Communist measure during the time the said agreement is in force to ensure full accomplishment of Japan's purpose.

China to recognise freedom of residence and trade on the part of Japanese subjects in the interior of China and to extend to Japan facilities for development of China's natural resources, especially in North China and Inner Mongolia.

Japan not only respects China's sovereignty but is prepared to give positive consideration to questions of abolition of extraterritoriality and rendition of the Concessions and Settlements.—Reuter.

JAZZ BAND LEADER DIVORCED

A DECREE NISI against Nat Gonella the dance band leader, has been granted in the London Divorce Court.

Mr. Lena Marie Hope Mann Gonella, of George Street, Baker Street, W., was granted a decree by the president, Sir Boyd Meriman, against Mr. Nathaniel Charles Gonella, on the ground of his adultery with a woman named Stella Rose Lewin otherwise Musgrave.

The suit was not defended.

The case for Mrs. Gonella was that for the past two years her husband had been living with Stella Lewin at Stonegrave Park, Edgware.

Mrs. Gonella admitted that she had herself committed adultery, and asked for the exercise of the Court's discretion in her favour.

Sir Boyd Meriman refused to give the wife the custody of the child of the marriage, remarking: "She puts forward a false case at first and when she tries to correct it she does not tell the truth then." He added that it was not a case for costs.

U.S. Recalls Technicians Lent To Soviet

GENEVA.—Within the next ten days 150 American technicians working in Russia will quit the Soviet for home, because the United States Government refuse to renew their passports, according to the Frankfurter Zeitung.

The newspaper says that their "recall" is keenly resented in Russia, because most of the Americans were holding important jobs in Soviet factories, particularly in the steel, electrical, and other key industries.

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MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

SOUTH CHINA "A" GAIN DESERVED 3-2 VICTORY

EASTERN BEATEN AFTER LEADING 2-0 AT INTERVAL

Lee Wai-tong Scores Last Minute Goal

(By "Rex")

THE IMPETUOUS fresh blood of Eastern went down to the experienced veterans of South China "A" in the local soccer classic by three goals to two at the Club ground yesterday, before a terrific crowd, the major part of which were clamouring for admittance half an hour before the whistle.

Eastern led two goals to nil in the first half, and the result appeared a foregone conclusion, but the sages wisely shook their heads and said Eastern had beaten themselves in the manner they went about getting that lead, and sure enough the turning point came in the last minute of the game when they could not rally quick enough to stop Lee Wai-tong from scoring one of the most spectacular goals of his career.

South China "A" never struck true form at any time of the game. Their victory was gained through Eastern's tremendous over-eagerness on the attack, and over-zealousness on the defence.

For Eastern, Lau Hin-hon gave an excellent display till the closing minutes of the game when the stress became too much for him and he cracked up completely allowing South China "A" to equalise with an almost gift goal. He came very near stopping South China "A's" first goal, which was a penalty taken by the redoubtable Lee Wai-tong, and that alone is sufficient praise.

Kong Seng-keng and Tsang Chun-wan were incompromisable. They gave one of their finest performances to date, notwithstanding a fatal mistake made by each; the former, his close watch on Lee Wai-tong and Ip Pak-wah resulting in his allowing Lai to head in an easy goal, the latter in committing the fault which resulted in a penalty being given against his team.

SUPERB TRIO

THE Eastern half-backs were reminiscent of the hey-day half-back play of South China. They played superbly as a trio, and were responsible for keeping Lee, Fung and Lai from ever being really dangerous. Hsu King-seng was fighting a

dual battle, his inclination to cover Fung as the dangerous forward, and Lee his rightful mark, and he finally decided he would tackle both, and did a very good job of it. Lau Chi-chun was the more constructive of the wing-halves, playing his forwards with beautiful passes, while Lo Wai-kuen was his usual dashing stopper.

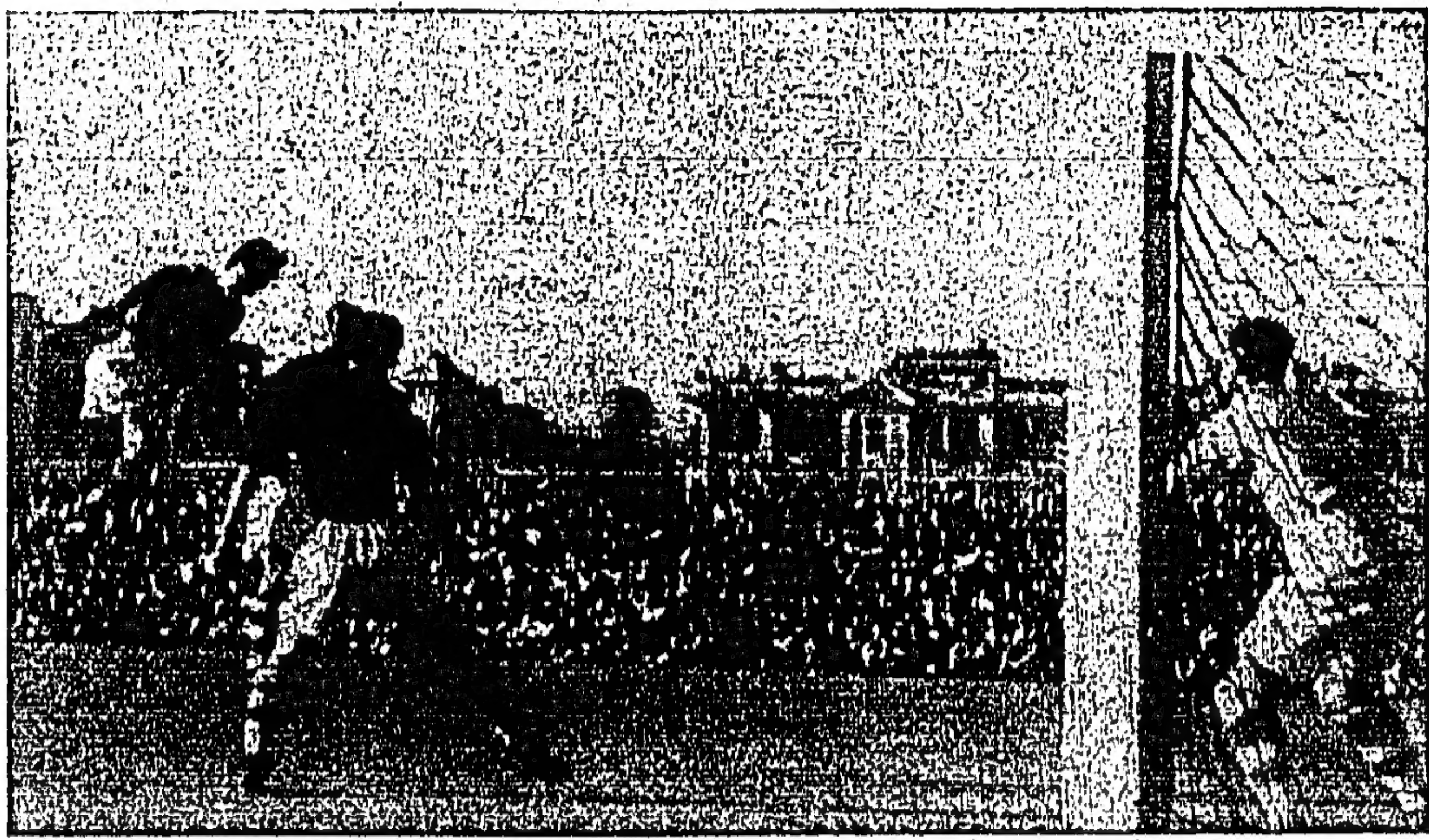
The forwards gave their finest exhibition as a unit. Their passages were clean and accurate. It was only when they were within shooting range that it became evident that what they need to make them an A 1 attack is a centre-forward. Their most dangerous forward was Chung Yung-sum, who gave a very good exhibition at right-wing. He partnered very well with Cheung Kam-hoi to form a very strong flanking attack. Hau Ching-to had to rely a great deal on himself, his inside forward, Chang Ying-kuen, playing more to the centre, Lee Tack-kee, than to his wing.

Lee Tack-kee has never impressed me as a centre-forward, and he gave a very poor exhibition amid such an excellent forward line as Eastern had. His fault lies in selfishness in front of goal, an inclination to lose his head under pressure.

FINE GOAL-KEEPING

TAM Kwan-hon, for South China "A" began very shakily, but stood up to play a polished game between the sticks. His timely charges and punchings saved the occasion several times. Lee Tin-sang and Mak Siu-hon gave a very poor show. They were

Triangular Rugby Tournament NARROW VICTORY FOR THE ARMY



Chang Ying-kuen (Eastern inside left) in a spectacular but vain effort to head a goal against South China "A" at the Club ground yesterday. Lee Tin-sang and Mak Siu-hon are the two South China backs. Tam Kwan-hon can be seen in the S. China goal.—Mee Cheung.

Careless Passing And Faulty Handling In Final Match

(By "Fly-half")

IN A GAME marred by careless passing and faulty handling, Army just managed to retain their first half lead of 5 points (a goal) to 3 (a try) against the Navy at Causeway Bay on Saturday, and thus earned for themselves the runners-up position in the Triangular Tournament.

The Navy backs were very much below form, and were guilty of lying out of position and bad handling. Time and again attacking movements broke down before the attackers came in contact with the defenders.

Picton, at full-back, endangered his own line time and again through allowing the ball to bounce before gathering. He made a bad mistake when he chased back after an attempt to kick to touch by Wright, and stopped the ball with one hand when in full stride. He had to come back and found Kennedy upon the ball. His dive prevented Kennedy from going over, but the ball rolled free for Wright to gather and fall over the line.

Army wing-three's, Artingstall and Richards, were given very little freedom by Kennedy and Bowen. Artingstall was a trier, and had hard luck when he raced after what appeared at first to be a try. He dived between two Navy players only to find that the ball was a foot over the dead ball line. Waite and Boe stood up to their task well, despite their receiving knocks from tackles by Stevens and Paul. Hook and Lang were Army's most comfortable combination. Both worked hard and kept up with play well.

FIERY FORM

ARMY'S PACK displayed fiery form in the first half, but faded out except for individual efforts in the second half. The solid Navy pack were down their opponents, and gave their backs plenty of the ball in the second half when Brown was masterful. Ridsdale was outstanding in the Army pack, and had been backed up in two of his breaks away, his efforts might have been better rewarded. Pinkerton, Page and Evans were other Army forwards to take the eye, although practically only in the first half. Gale, for Navy, was on top of the ball nearly always, and practically worked himself to a standstill. He was ably supported by Taylor, Brown and Ferris.

Clark put the ball out well from the base of the Navy scrum, but was poorly supported by Carter, whose passing and handling left much to be desired. Bowden, was the only Navy back to show up well, although his efforts were of his own making. He avoided tackles repeatedly, and only force of numbers kept him out. Stevens and Paul forgot, in the second half that although in the first half their pack was losing the ball it paid them to lie up on their opposites. It was a bad policy when Brown was giving them almost a monopoly of the ball, and that a deep-lying three line is the only effective one in attack. However, the fault was not their's entirely, as the ball was generally late in reaching them.

WRIGHT CONFIDENT

WRIGHT was confident at full-back, and dealt with kicks ahead in a masterly way. The first big thrill in the game came when Artingstall just failed to touch down before the ball went dead. A punt ahead by Hook found the ball bouncing between two Navy backs, and Hook, following-up, quickly gathered in his stride to transfer to Boe when challenged. Boe went on to score with about four Army players backing up, and Lang added the goal points. Wright completed the scoring when he went over for a try for Navy, but Paul failed to convert from near the touch-line. In the second half, Navy hammered away at Army's defence, which, however, survived all assaults. Paul had an opportunity when a penalty was given against Army for not lying clear of the ball on the ground. His kick taken from just in front of the posts just went wide.

Police 8 Club 9
GOOD TEAM-WORK and whole-hearted play by the Police very nearly gave them victory against Club on Saturday when the Club won by 9 points (three tries) to 8 points (a goal and a try).

Cessford Leaving For Shanghai

Cessford, the clever Club stand-off half, is leaving for Shanghai about the middle of the month on transfer.

Police backs made the most of their opportunities, which were practically half of those given to the Club three-quarters by Club's forwards, who had the best of the matters in the tight scrums and lineouts.

F. M. Thompson gave a much improved display at full-back for the Club, where his sheer speed proved invaluable. Left on two occasions to bring down D. H. Taylor in full flight, he succeeded in confining him to the touch-line and in bringing him down.

Stewart and Aitkenhead did not combine well, as a result, Stewart did not receive the ball in full flight. Reynolds held Stewart with success and on one occasion held up the bustling Club wingman when he was over. An excellent feat.

HARD WORKER

CHARTER worked hard but was generally out-numbered by Bosanquet, who made little of D. H. Taylor. Henderson and Cessford, were no more than spectators. The former tried more on his own than usual, and opened up play cleverly as a result. Bosanquet has never been in better form as a hooker in Hongkong. He practically obtained a monopoly of the ball in the loose scrums. Bosanquet, Waldeen, Kennedy and Deane were hard working forwards for the Club.

The Police eight, although beaten in the tight and lineouts, were excellent forgers and made the best of foot rushes to gain ground. Searle was outstanding, and scored most balls to advantage. He chased a well-earned try to open his side's account. Innis was another Police forward to keep well up with the play, while Dempsey controlled Alice Taylor in the line outs, often smothering the ball away from the Club players. Luscombe was a glutton for work, and got away on several occasions on his own to spell danger for the Club line. Leslie was quick off his mark and subdued Cessford, his vis-à-vis.

The Police insiders, G. S. Wilson and B. C. Fay, were too well-marked to be effective, and as a result, their wingmen were neglected. Taylor was a hero in defence for Police, but in attack his speed and method of manoeuvring his opponents generally brought him to a stand-still, and made him an easy target for tackling. Having run himself to a standstill, he was unable to take full advantage of his opportunities in the second half, when a kick over Thompson's head and follow-up would have been better than running on and leaving his passes until after he was tackled.

Following a smart piece of passing, in which Club backs and forwards participated, Deane sent Charter over for a try, but Castleton's attempt to convert was chagrined down. Feet-up against Club in their own half saw Taylor fall short with the penalty kick. Following a wild foot rush by the Police pack, Searle dived over, and under, but Alice Taylor rushed down, Fay's attempt to convert. Back came Club in attack, and Stewart came inside to break over Police line for a try which Castleton failed to majorise.

In the second half, Police went hard and were rewarded with Dempsey scoring in the corner post. Taylor converted with a very good low kick. Leading 9-6, Police kept Club at bay until an injury to Wall resulted in a reshuffle. Ridsdale went on to the wing to allow Taylor to drop back to full-back. Almost immediately after, Bosanquet needed around Ridsdale for a try, but Castleton failed to convert.

Championship Tennis

DISAPPOINTING SEMI-FINALS

How Teams Fared

FIRST DIVISION			
S. China "A"	3 Eastern	8	0
Club	8 Kowloon	4	0
Police	0 Middlesex	4	0
Royal Scots	2 S. China "B"	2	0
St. Joseph's	4 Royal Navy	2	0
SECOND DIVISION "A"			
Kit Chee	3 Club	0	0
R.A.O.C.	2 5th R.A.	1	0
30th R.A.	3 8th R.A.	1	0
Eastern	2 South China	2	0
SECOND DIVISION "B"			
Engineers	7 Kowloon	0	0
Police	2 Royal Scots	0	0
(Abandoned after 60 minutes)			
Signals	1 R.A.F.	0	0
THIRD DIVISION			
South China	1 International	1	0
Royal Scots	4 5th R.A.	0	0
12th R.A.	1 Electric	2	0
Signals	1 24th R.A.	2	0

MRS. CHIU AND MRS. LITTON IN THE FINAL

THE TENNIS in the semi-finals of the women's Colony Championship at the United Services Recreation Club on Saturday was hardly up to the expectations of the spectators. Mrs. Enid Litton beat Miss M. Stokes 6-4, 6-1, and Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu accounted for Miss J. Reeve 6-4, 8-6.

The first of the two matches was the faster. The winner's experience eventually told against the youthful enthusiasm of Miss Stokes.

Mrs. Litton jumped into a 2-0 lead, but Miss Stokes came back in brilliant form and swept into a 4-2 lead. She topped her vital seventh game, however, and breaking through her opponent's service again in the ninth game, Mrs. Litton led 5-4. After a hard duel, Mrs. Litton claimed the tenth game and set at 6-4.

Mrs. Litton could not be held in the second set and after a 1-1 opening, she took five games in a row.

A GALLANT EFFORT

MISS REEVE made a gallant effort against Mrs. Chiu, after having lost the first set at 6-4, though at one time it appeared that she might win the match in three sets. Mrs. Chiu, however, changed tactics and claimed the hard-fought second set as well.

Miss Reeve won the opening game of the first set, but thereafter was led by 2-1, 3-2, 4-3, and 5-4. The final game was lost only after deuce had been called.

Mrs. Chiu adopted pat-ball tactics in the opening games of the second set—tactics which gave Miss Reeve ample opportunity of getting her excellent backhand shots working—and at the end of the fourth game, Mrs. Chiu was 1-3 behind. She rallied and came level again at 3-3, but Miss Reeve took the lead again at 4-3.

A succession of blunders cost Miss Reeve the eighth and ninth games, and Mrs. Chiu led 5-4. She recovered, however, and took the next two games to lead at 6-5.

Two questionable line decisions in the 14th game seemed to put Miss Reeve out of her stride, and after deuce had been called twice, Mrs. Chiu won the game to level the score again.

Mrs. Chiu won her service game, and the final game was lost by Miss Reeve after four deuces had been called, and after Mrs. Chiu had had two match points.

The doubles semi-finals will be played at the U.S.R.C. on Sunday at 3 p.m.

SPORT ADVTs.

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INSIDE GERMANY

Will Soon be "Sold Out"

MANY German shops will be forced to close down after the New Year rush which has just ended. The seasonal buying wave, restricted though it is by severe rationing and scarcity of money, has cleared them of their meagre supplies, which in many cases it will be impossible to replace.

This is not wishful thinking. It is candidly stated by Herr Joseph Wenschuh, a leading German economic expert.

Serious Losses

Even the most blistering Nazi newspapers are forced to admit the grim realities of economic warfare. Herr Wenschuh puts it in the plainest language.

Writing in the Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, he says:

"It now becomes necessary to realise that the economic war is getting more and more serious, and it continues much longer the losses will be higher than on the military front."

No Replacement

"It would be definitely wrong to live in a world of illusion. The trade groups will be the first to be mowed down."

"Christmas trade results in a rapid selling out of shops, and it will no longer be possible to replace their goods, or only in very small quantities."

"Now that the motor car trade and petrol filling stations have been compelled to go out of business most of the shops will be left to them to decide whether they will liquidate at once or gradually, which means they must decide how much of their capital they are prepared to go on losing."

Rations First

"The German tradesman is playing an important political role. Unfortunately, it is a fact that the customer considers his portion of meat and his ration card as of more importance than the present war and war aims, and freely expresses his misgivings in the shop."

"Thus the tradesman is rendering a national service in endeavouring to quieten these dissatisfied people."

"On the other hand, the trade realise that the State cannot grant them any subsidy and that they must find means of helping themselves."

Newsreels of the Queen seized

A NEWSREEL version of the Queen's recent broadcast to the women of the Empire has been withdrawn from circulation.

Girl From Spain Finds Clue To Parents

A MILLION-TO-ONE coincidence may decide the fate of nine-year-old Elisa Murraide.

Elisa went to Bristol three years ago as a Spanish war refugee from Bilbao.

After the war she remained unclaimed. Mr. and Mrs. T. Reed, of Queen-parade, Bristol, became her kind foster-parents.

Recently Mrs. Reed heard that a Spanish ship had docked at Bristol.

"I showed the captain," she said, "an envelope which had on it the last address we had of Elisa's parents."

"He said, 'I come from there.' I took out of my handbag a photograph of Elisa in a family group."

"Pointing excitedly to the mother he said, 'That is Elisa Maza. I remember her well.'"

"Maza was the mother's maiden name. She had worked for the captain's sister-in-law."

Elisa had led in the captain's cabin. He is going to write to his wife, who will search the town to find Elisa's mother.

And a message from Elisa will be in the letter.

Decision to hold up the film was made so late that copies for circulation throughout the world had left the laboratories in London.

It was stated in Wardour-street that ships and a flying-boat leaving England were stopped and searched by officials and some of the reels they carried were seized and confiscated.

It took some time to find the reels. Police officers searched a railway station and a train arriving at a port, but could not trace them.

The decision to stop the films going abroad was made because it was held necessary to make certain essential additions to the film of the Queen at the microphone.

The official view was that the introduction to the screened broadcast was too abrupt and would not do justice to the Queen in Empire and neutral countries.

Copies of this version of the reel have also been withdrawn from provincial circulation.

As soon as the essential additions have been made the film will be released again. The new reel will be in time to catch the next outgoing batch of ships.

The King and Queen saw a news-reel version of the Queen's broadcast at the Leicester-square Cinema when they went together to see the propaganda film "The Lion Has Wings."

INDIAN FRONTIER

Reports Of Disorders Said Unfounded

London, Jan. 8.

German "wishful thinking" is again dispelled in persistent attempts to persuade themselves that the Indian North-West Frontier is extremely disturbed, and especially that Waziristan is the scene of a serious outbreak.

"As a matter of fact," says "The Times," "Waziristan is less troubled than it was early last year and although there have been some cases of kidnapping, brigandage and sabotage, they have not given the Indian authorities any grounds for anxiety."

Agitation of the embroiled section of the Afridi with the Afghan Government has been defeated by joint British-Afghan action and the rest of the frontier is quiet.

There have been no military engagements on the North-West frontier of India since the beginning of the war.

For some time previous to the outbreak of war there had been disturbances in Waziristan caused by the followers of the Fakir of Ipi, but since then this has been confined chiefly to small acts of sabotage.

"The other areas" are peaceful.

Reuters-Bulletin.

It's not set to music yet, but it's the same Hymn of Hate

HITLER has ordered the whole of the Nazi Press to join in a chorus of hate against Britain. But not a word is said of France.

This is the same technique as in 1915, when Ernst Lissauer wrote the notorious "Hymn of Hate."

This was the last verse of it:

What care we for Russian or French?

Blow against blow, and shock against shock,

We fight the fight with bronze and steel,

And carve a peace for ever and aye,

Then will we hate with a lasting hate.

We will not abate from our hate, hate by water and hate by land,

Hate of the head and hate of the hand,

Hate of the workers and hate of the crowned,

Throttling hate of seventy millions,

One in their love and one in their hate,

They have all but one single, only foe: ENGLAND!

Eire Orders 50-Knot Patrol Boats

A Southampton firm, it was announced recently has a contract to build pocket warships for a small, swift fleet which the Government of Eire is forming to guard territorial waters.

Orders now being placed total 2,250,000 for motor torpedo-boats capable of 50 knots and other types of fast armed patrol craft.



The sappers fording an Army lorry across a stretch of water on a heavy pontoon raft.

PROFESSOR GIVES UP CAREER FOR SON

DR. LUCY NALSH, Professor of Osteology at Sheffield University for twenty years, has resigned her post and sacrificed a brilliant career to nurse her twenty-seven-year-old invalid son who has been evacuated to North Wales.

Her husband, Dr. A. E. Nalsh, has been connected with the university for more than thirty years. He was formerly professor of medicine there.

Dr. Lucy Nalsh is regarded as one of the most brilliant lecturers in her subject in the country.

They will live in a flat at Mill End, Staines.

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THERE is no doubt about it, hoods have come to stay; they are the best comfort-with-glamour idea in years.

There's nothing like a hood to snuggle round your ears when it starts to rain and there's not a bus in sight.

Here is the basic pattern of a face-framing hood; I can think of at least a dozen ways to make it. Make it in oiled silk for rainy days; in velvet to stitch to your evening coat; in fur-cloth to give your suit a new lease of life; in bright jersey to wear with a tweed coat; in soft wool for your dressing gown in case the aires go in the night. No end to its uses, and when you don't want it on your head it lies flatly at the back.

So learn the diagram by heart and get going. You can make the hood of single material or double (in which case you need twice as much, of course). For a single-thickness hood you want a piece of material

23½ inches by 17 inches. It's a smart idea to make the lining of a contrasting colour.

Cut it out in newspaper first; then use that as a pattern to cut the material, taking care to put the side marked "14in." on the fold, and to cut two pieces if you want the hood lined.

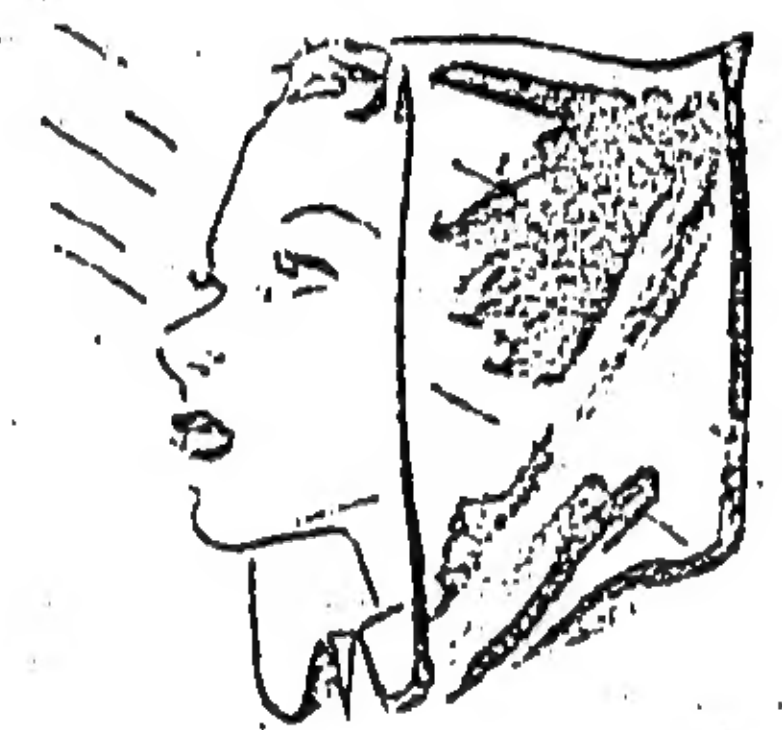
Join the top seam of the hood and the same seam of the lining, then press. With right sides together, seam the lining to the hood, leaving the short-curved edge open. Turn and press. (If you are using very thick material or oiled silk and do not want to line it, hem and bind the edge neatly on the wrong side.)

Then you can sew the hood to a coat or dressing gown—or not—just as you like.

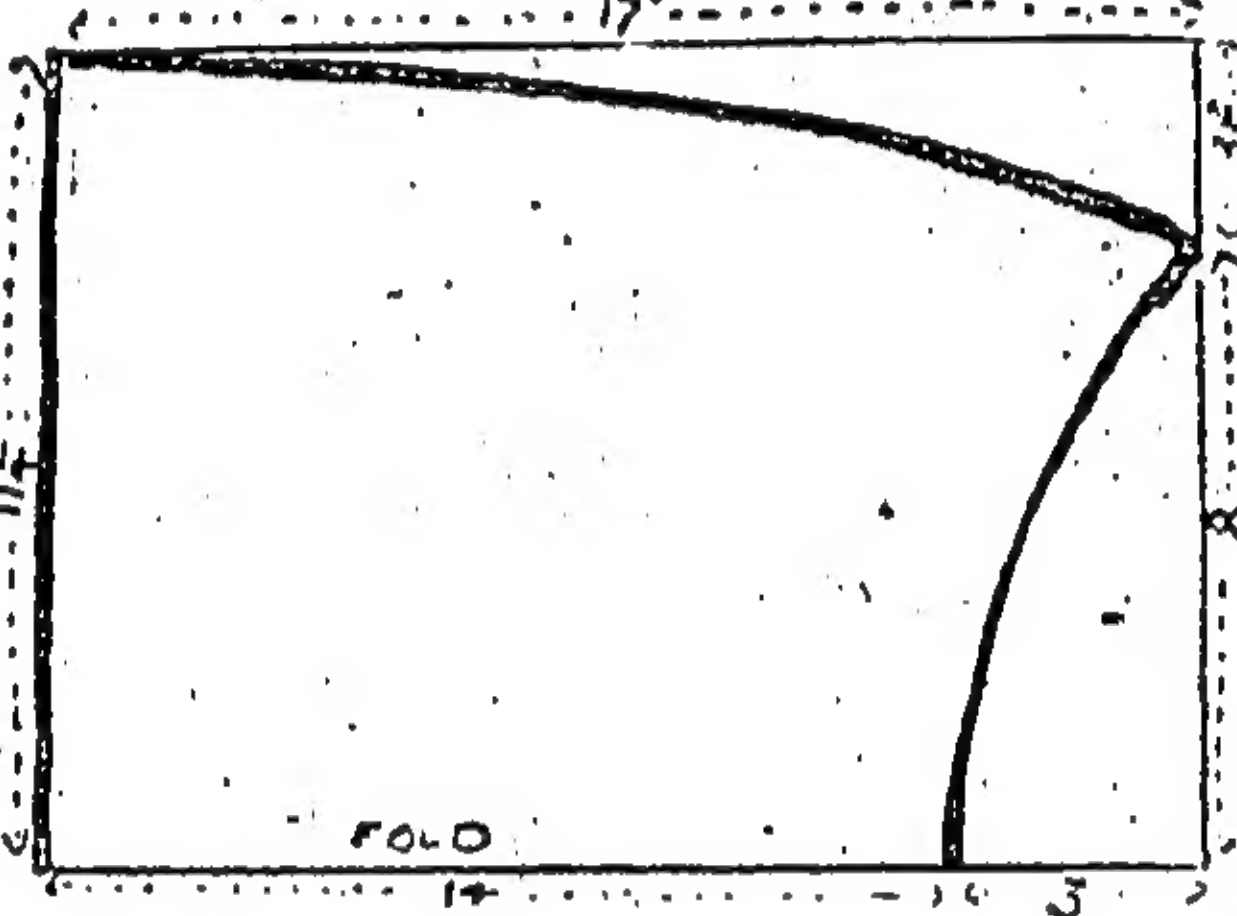
If you want to attach it to a coat stitch the hood to the neckline on the outside, right sides facing. Then stitch a strip of bias binding to the lining of the hood and slip-stitch down to the inside of the neck.

If you make the hood of oiled silk or fur cloth you may not want to attach it permanently to a coat. So finish the lower edge with a band, fastening with a button, or if you have material to spare make a narrow scarf, sew to the bottom of the hood, and tie in front.

Here is a pale blue velvet hood on dark brown or dark red velvet evening coat. If your coat is black, try navy or emerald velvet. Don't worry if you can't find a match for your coat; a contrast is smarter.



"No need to worry about your hair on a rainy day if you have an oiled silk hood."



Chutney Hints And Recipes

A WELL-STOCKED chutney shelf will add interest to many meals.

A good chutney should be smooth to the palate, and have a mellow flavour. To obtain successful results, the ingredients should be cut up finely, and the cooking done slowly. Also, as the mixture is thick, very frequent stirring is necessary.

During the making, nothing metallic should be allowed to touch the chutney, as it gives an unpleasant flavour. A wooden spoon, a hair sieve, and an enamel-lined or aluminium pan should be used. The brass or copper preserving pan is entirely unsuitable for such a strong acid mixture.

Tomato Chutney

Tomato chutney is a prime favourite. This recipe is made without sugar, which some may prefer at this time.

Take 3½ lbs tomatoes, ½ lb apples, 1 dessertspoon curry powder, ½ lb salt, 1½ lb onions (medium size), 2 tablespoons mustard, 1 teaspoon each allspice, cloves, chilies, 1 lb golden syrup, 1 quart vinegar, salt.

Slice the tomatoes and onions and sprinkle lightly with salt. Stand for 12 hours. Put the vinegar, syrup, mustard, and spices into a saucepan, and bring to the boil. Take the tomatoes, onions, apples, and salt, and put through a mincing machine, putting apples through last, so that they will force the softer ingredients through.

Add to the boiling mixture and boil ½ hour. The mixture is soft. Pour into jars. When cold tie down with greaseproof paper to make air-tight.

An Easily-Made Variety

6 lbs tomatoes, 4 onions, 4 lbs apples, ½ lb pepper, 2 teaspoons dry mustard, 12 ozs brown sugar, ½ teaspoon ground ginger, 3 ozs salt, 1 quart vinegar, 1 packet pickling spice.

Peel onions and apples, put all vegetables through mincing machine. Place in pan, with all the other ingredients, bring to the boil, stirring till sugar has dissolved, then simmer gently till tomatoes and apples are tender (½ hour); stir frequently.

Sunny Nice For Tommies

TEN thousand days of free accommodation in the most luxurious hotels of sunny Nice have been offered by the city to Tommies and "Pollus" on leave.

The offer, which was made under the patronage of the Mayor of Nice, has been welcomed with enthusiasm by all the inhabitants. People have offered their hospitality, their houses and their cars, and have promised to give the warmest of welcomes to their guests.

"If Tommy has his wife with him, we shall be only too glad to meet her," said the Mayor.

Half a Loaf...

you know the rest. But a piece of stale bread still isn't exactly inspiring. But, with economy the keyword in the kitchen, we have to know how to make the best use of it. Here are one or two ideas that may be new to you.

Soak ½ lb. stale bread in water for twenty-four hours, squeeze dry, beat up and add 4 oz. brown sugar, 2 oz. salt, ½ oz. chopped mixed peel, half teaspoonful mixed spice, one beaten egg and a few drops of flavouring, if liked. Beat well together, drop dessertspoonfuls into flour, roll, and fry in shallow fat slowly, browning both sides. Serve with custard or white sauce.

Or put your remnants of bread in a tin pan and dry in a very cool oven for several hours. When thoroughly dry, pound, and you have crisp crumbs which can be used in many ways—to help up cold meat, for instance. Chop the meat finely, season well, and mix with an egg. Either mix with breadcrumbs and bake in the oven, or make into balls and fry in deep fat.

Another way: Crumble stale bread fine, mix with an egg and a little milk, and coat some small peeled apples with it. Tie in small cloths and boil as for dumplings.

Eat More Carrots

CARROTS are in one direction a substitute for yellow "country" butter. Both contain carotene, the substance used by the sun to produce vitamin A. Like all vegetables, carrots are most valuable when eaten raw. They can be grated finely and placed them in a pan of boiling water. They will take from forty minutes to an hour, according to age, size, and the volume of steam. Take them out and rub off the skins, preferably with a "glove" pan scourer. Sprinkle with pepper and salt, reheat, and serve.

To stew, pare thinly, halve or quarter if large, and cook gently in little water or vegetable stock. When they are tender (in about half an hour to three-quarters) add seasonings to taste and a nut of margarine. Blend a little cornflour with cold water, stir into the liquor, and boil up quickly, first removing the carrots and keeping them hot. Pour the sauce over them, and sprinkle with finely chopped parsley.

Date And Apple Cake

No sugar is required, and only 4 ozs of margarine. Mix this with 6 ozs of golden syrup and add half a pint of cold apple sauce (unsweetened).

Put a bowl mix together 4 ozs each of flour and wholemeal breadcrumbs, half a teaspoonful of baking-soda, a teaspoonful each of ground cinnamon and ground ginger, and half a pint of dates, stoned and chopped. Combine the two mixtures, beat well and bake in a shallow tin in a moderate oven for about three-quarters of an hour.

A TEA TIP

WHEN you open a new packet of tea, spread it out on a thick piece of paper and put it in a warm oven for a few minutes. The flavour is improved and the tea goes further.

'O'GRADY' MADE THE KING LAUGH

AND HE CAUGHT SOME OF THE MILITIA!

THE King had a good laugh when he saw troops playing the old game of "O'Grady Says" at a regimental depot in the Eastern Command.

He visited the gymnasium where a recent batch of militiamen, who have only been in training for six weeks, were at physical training.

The men were ordered to act only on commands preceded by the words, "O'Grady Says."

"O'Grady says right wheel, quick march," "O'Grady says halt," roared the sergeant.

Then, unexpectedly, he said, "Left turn," and a roar of laughter in which the King joined, rose up at the expense of the few recruits who were caught and left turned.

Next, the King saw some specialised training of advanced units. Some were being trained in anti-tank and anti-aircraft work.

Other members of the motor transport section, were studying the latest of cars or learning the electrical wiring system from black-board diagrams.

On arrival at the depot, the King inspected a company of the A.T.S. Afterwards, officers' wives and the regimental sergeant-major and his wife were introduced to him, but the regimental sergeant-major's small and droll-headed son stared vigorously in the wrong direction and never saw the King at all.

Carried Gas Mask

The King, who was in Field Marshal's uniform, carried his gas mask over his shoulder.

The King spent most of to-day visiting areas where troops are in training.

LEAGUE OF HEALTH

"Your League welcomes women of all classes, all creeds and all races within its ranks, and this is important because in the last few years we have seen a steady deterioration in such an attitude to human society," declared Mrs. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, when speaking at the first outdoor demonstration of the Women's League of Health at the South China Athletic Stadium, Caroline Hill, yesterday.

Over 50 women took part in the excellent programme which was held in brilliant sunshine under the direction and leadership of Miss Mavis Ming.

Mrs. Selwyn-Clarke said in part: "You have taken a great step, particularly in relation to the social conditions in the Far East, in organising yourselves voluntarily for the purpose of maintaining and improving your health. A healthy body is the first necessity for those who intend to play a useful part in the community, and this fact is not recognized widely enough. But in your recognition of this fact, you have not isolated yourself from the community but have taken further steps which are of political and social significance."

In Europe in the last 10 years we have seen a barbarous persecution of a people because of their race and religion and it is our duty as women and as civilised human beings to do all we can to oppose such treatment. Further, in the last few years we have seen the growth of nationalism in the West and in the East to such a point that the outcome has been war. But your League links you in an international organisation of women who are not only bound to spread the cult of health but in doing this, they are also bound to recognize the necessity of international co-operation.

Need of the Masses

You will appreciate that we all who are here are the privileged few—that the members of your League in all countries are fortunate in being able to pursue health through your organisation. But the great need of the mass of women in all countries and especially in Hongkong and the Far East is not exercise but the essentials of life-shelter and clothing, and food to protect them from disease. I cannot give you the figures for China, but in Hongkong our death-rate from infant mortality and tuberculosis, is six or seven times greater than in Britain. What is the reason? Poverty, low wage rates and lack of social services. Until the last decade there had been a slow but steady growth throughout the world of the ideals of international order, of equality of races and of human beings, of cultural opportunity for all. Governments have not always given expression to these ideals but they have formed the basic philosophy of the mass of the people in all countries. To-day, however, we are facing in Nazism the negation of these beliefs and the substitution of military dictatorship.

Here in Hongkong we are involved in the struggle in the East as well as in the West. In Hongkong there are organisations for the assistance of China and for help to Great Britain. I am sure that every one of you will appreciate that you are not giving full expression to the ideals of your League unless you take an active part in the struggle against aggression. Similarly I cannot believe that you are content that your League of Health should not be available to all and that poverty should be allowed

ITALIAN POLICIES

Hungarian Diplomat On Way To Venice

Venice, Jan. 6. Count Ciano has arrived here to confer with Count Stephen Czakay, Hungarian Foreign Minister.

According to authoritative sources, they will discuss first the situation caused by the German-Soviet occupation of Poland which creates a Hungarian-Soviet frontier, second Hungarian-Rumanian relation which is regarded as forming the principal stumbling block for general neutrality in Balkan and Danubian countries, third co-operation between Hungary and Yugoslavia whose relations are believed to be improving and possibly to enable a tripartite treaty with Italy, Hungary and Yugoslavia as signatories, and fourth general problems resulting from the war.

Signor Gayda, in the Glomale d'Italia, says the Ciano-Czakay talks at Venice were based on the following points: firstly, that there was a state of war existing with the great Balkan powers bordering the Danubian zone; secondly, the attitude of the Danubian-Balkan nations in the face of war problems; thirdly, the reciprocal relations of these nations relative to war and peace; and, fourthly, the appearance of a new Russian Communist active policy on the frontiers of some of these states.

Referring to the relations between Russia and Danubian-Balkan Europe, Signor Gayda said, Italy has no aggressive plans towards Russia. Italy only intends halting the expansion of Communism. It is a threat to European order.—United Press.

Rapid Progress Made

Venice, Jan. 7. It is understood that Count Ciano is already satisfied with his talks with Count Czakay.

Count Ciano will probably return to Rome by air to-morrow to report personally to Signor Mussolini.—Reuter.

New Balkan Bloc

Venice, Jan. 7.

Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, on Saturday morning and afternoon held conversations with the visiting Hungarian Foreign Minister, Count Czakay.

It is understood that during the conversations various phases of the current European situation including the Balkan issue were discussed.

Informed quarters understand that an important topic at the conversations was the proposed organization of a new Balkan bloc under Italy's leadership.—Domet.

to exclude from its benefits the majority of women.

The programme started with the members marching on to the stadium to music which was broadcast. Miss Elvye Yuen sang the entrance march, "Marching Feet," at the microphone. The exercises were presented in three sections, elementary, medium and advanced. An exhibition of ball games for posture was also given by students from the St. Paul's Girls' College.

Hundreds of persons were present to watch the demonstration. Proceeds are to be given to the Chinese Industrial Co-operatives.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ACROSS

1—Tibetan monk

2—Body end of meat

10—Unit of distance

14—Daughter of Nya

15—Tide

16—Thirteenth of

17—Five scribbles

18—Substance used in soldering

19—Flat disc of wood

20—Soak thoroughly

21—Are outside in

22—Quality of sound

23—Cord used in sewing

24—Disk used as musical accompaniment

25—Capital of Brazil

26—Kind of fruit

27—Frighten

28—Medicinal

37—Fourth letter in Greek alphabet

41—Very black

42—Build

43—Writers of rhyme

44—Gas used in dirigibles

45—Oriental territory

46—Motor official

47—Work of leather

48—Rooms

49—Roomed

51—Type of drink

52—Spiral image

53—Sutton an knitting

54—Small vegetable

55—Went in

56—Enita vapor

57—Urine to taste

58—Large volume

59—Pretended falsely

60—Pretended beam

61—Take up of

62—Living considerable

63—Density

64—Border on

65—The best

66—Member of Indian

67—Anti-assessment member of British

68—Perused (French)

69—Metal as found in earth

DOWN

1—Brazilian cuckoo

2—Presence of remarkable intellect

10—Take of wrong place

11—Cake of work

12—Lead

13—King ancestor of King George

14—Rugby

15—Warrior Italian

16—Author

17—Rubbish

18—Clothing in long

19—Punctuation mark

20—Sufferer from pleth man

21—Wear away

22—Doctrine

23—Sufferer from disease

24—Calmy

25—Scandinavian

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NANCY



Goodbye, Mr Chips

"CHIPS OF BROOKFIELD"

The Grand New Serialisation, exclusive in Hongkong to the "Telegraph" of the famous novel by James Hilton

MR. MARSHAM, Headmaster of Brookfield School, was walking through the Quadrangle with Jackson, the new history instructor. Both wore cap and gown. Marsham stopped before a statue and read, with a touch of pride, the inscription:

"To the honoured memory of Jonathan Brookfield who hath founded Brookfield School to the glory of God and the promotion of piety and learning, in the Year of Our Lord, Fourteen Ninety-two."

"Fourteen Ninety-two!" repeated Jackson in an awed voice. "The year that Columbus discovered America," said Marsham.

"One can almost feel the centuries," mused the new master. "Gray old age dreaming over a crowded past."

"We're in the heart of England, Mr. Jackson. It's a heart that has a very gentle beat. There's the whistle of the special train loaded with pupils. In fifteen minutes the heart of England is going to have slight palpitations."

THE hour of Evening Assembly—first of the new school year—drew on. The stone steps of the old school building, the inner stairways were crowded with chattering, shouting boys, ranging in age from 13 to 18.

All wore straw hats with Brookfield bands, striped for the Prefect and the Sixth Form, plain for the younger pupils.

The large Assembly Hall presented a dignified appearance with its paneled walls, its "hammer beam" rafters, and the row of paintings of Brookfield notables and prints of antique school scenes along the walls. The floor space was filled with rows of wooden benches with backs.

On the dais, Marsham, the Headmaster, Jackson and the other masters took their seats. On Marsham's left was an empty chair. The boys arose to their feet and waited in silence. Marsham laid down a bunch of papers and spoke:

"Good evening, boys."

"Good evening, sir," came the multi-voiced response.

"You may sit down. . . . Well, here we are at the beginning of another school year, one which I sincerely hope will be a credit to Brookfield. We require not only to win the matches against Millfield and Sandbury, but also, if it's not troubling you too much, some fairly decent results in the examinations. He waited until the polite titters from the boys died down. "This term we have quite a number of new boys and to them I extend a special welcome. The rest of you will remember your own feelings when you first arrived here and will, I trust, temper tradition with mercy."

THE sly burst of laughter from the upper form boys interrupted but a moment, and the Headmaster continued:

"I have a small disappointment for you—perhaps you are aware of it already. He glanced at the empty chair at his feet. "For the first time in 58 years Mr. Chips has been unable to attend first night assembly. Chips—and you will allow me to refer to him as Chips, seeing that 37 years ago this autumn he gave me a threshold for sheer bone laziness."

The laughter that greeted his remark held a different quality—a note of appreciation, of affection.

"Chips has a cold," said Marsham, "and a cold can be quite a serious thing for a young fellow of 83. So Dr. Merivale has ordered him to stay at home. It was quite a battle, but our old friend was finally induced to surrender, and is now sitting, under violent protest, by his own fireside."

But Marsham was mistaken in that statement, for at the same moment a spare, thin figure was advancing doggedly, thumping with a cane, through the marble arch of the entrance to the school grounds, with a faint, triumphant grin on his face. Slowly he climbed the stairs to the vestibule of the assembly room, fussily unwrapping his gown.

A SMALL BOY ran breathlessly up the stairs and collided with the old man.

"Oh, sir! Sorry, sir!" cried the boy in a cultivated British voice.

"What is this—a scrimmage?" asked Chips, in mock indignation.

"No, sir. I'm looking for assembly."

"So am I. Hang on to my coat tail!"

They climbed the rest of the steps as the voices of the boys in the assembly room were raised in the school song. The door refused to open at Chips's touch.

"Locked out!" he exclaimed indignantly. "Well, I'll be—". He checked himself and glanced at the small boy. "Well, just have to wait." He tightened his mouth comically and looked down at the grave-faced boy. "So, you're a Stinker, eh?"

"A stinker, sir?" asked the boy, puzzled, almost alarmed.

"New boy. That's what we call 'em here. What's your name?"

"I'm Dorset, sir."

"Duke of Dorset, eh? Umph! I taught your father. He was always late." The old man pointed to a stone in the wall of the vestibule. On it was carved: John Charles Howarth, Duke of Dorset, 1650. "Ancestor of yours."

"Yes, sir."

Another stone bore the name of Sir Francis Drake, 1552.

"Drake!" gasped the boy in awe. "Was he here, sir? Was he a Stinker, too?"

"To be sure he was. But he grew out of it. And so will you."



Jackson accompanied Chips to his lodgings at Mrs. Wickett's house and was invited in.

"Sorry, I must be getting along," said Jackson. "I've got to unpack. Lower School Prep at six. It's a bit of an ordeal, isn't it?"

"I found it so—in 1870. Remember, you are not the first master who has gone to evening class the first time, and felt afraid."

Jackson was astonished. "You had difficulty with the boys? But seeing you just now—"

"It took time, Mr. Jackson—too much time," said Chips musingly. "You seem to have found the secret in the end."

"Eh? What?" Chips aroused from his musing. "Oh, the secret. Yes. In the end. But I didn't find it myself. It was given to me—by some one else." He slipped back into his memories, muttering: "Some one else," and was scarcely aware of Jackson's cool night and basking himself off.

From the novel by JAMES HILTON
Adapted from the M.-C.-M. film by Lubbock Mitchell which will shortly be screened in Hongkong.

"Well, I'm—ha—no spring chicken."

"WHEN assembly broke up and the boys came pouring out, they surrounded Chips, uttering affectionate greetings, giving him messages from their fathers, asking where he had spent the holidays. It was very apparent that Chips, the former master at the school, was considered by them as a friend."

Marsham, Dr. Merivale and the new master, Jackson, entered the vestibule. Marsham stopped in surprise. "Why, Chips—"

"Sorry I'm late," said Chips, with a fierce glare at Dr. Merivale. "Interference—first time in 58 years."

"I thought I told you to stay indoors," said Dr. Merivale.

"Lot of namby-pamby nonsense! I'm sound as a bell—no thanks to you!" He spoke confidently to Marsham: "Ridiculous old man! He's in his dotage!"

Marsham grinned amusedly and presented Jackson. "This is Mr. Jackson, our new history master. Now, Jackson, you can say you have shaken hands with 'Chips of Brookfield School'."

"You mustn't let this honour turn your head," remarked Chips gruffly.

LETTERS

Universal Week of Prayer

To the Editor,
The "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir—I wonder if we might have the courtesy of your columns to bring to the notice of your many readers who may not have seen the posters and pamphlets dealing with the matter, that the Universal Week of Prayer will begin on January 8 and continue until January 14. Each evening of this week brief services of prayer, lasting approximately half an hour, will be held in St. John's Cathedral, at 5.30 p.m. On January 14 a combined service of all the Non-Roman Churches of Hongkong and Kowloon will be held in Union Church, Kennedy Road, at 8.30 p.m. These services will be conducted by clergymen of the various Non-Roman churches and we cordially invite all who believe in the power of prayer, to unite with us and all our fellow-Christians throughout the world, at any, or all of these times.

Further details concerning the Universal Week of Prayer may be had from the posters displayed at the ferries, Peak tram stations, and business premises in the city; to all of whom we are grateful for this measure of publicity.

A further step towards Unity will be taken when on Thursday all Christian people are invited to share in the Communion service which will follow immediately after the service of prayer.

It is perhaps scarcely necessary to stress the need of human penitence and divine intercession at a moment in history such as this; so it is with the confidence that we shall have a sympathetic understanding and co-operation that we bring the matter to the consideration of all who have the world's true welfare at heart.

On behalf of the various Non-Roman Churches of Hongkong and Kowloon.

K. MACKENZIE DOW,
J. L. WILSON.

gone, and in his musing he saw himself as a young man, getting on the train to come to Brookfield School, as a new, young master.

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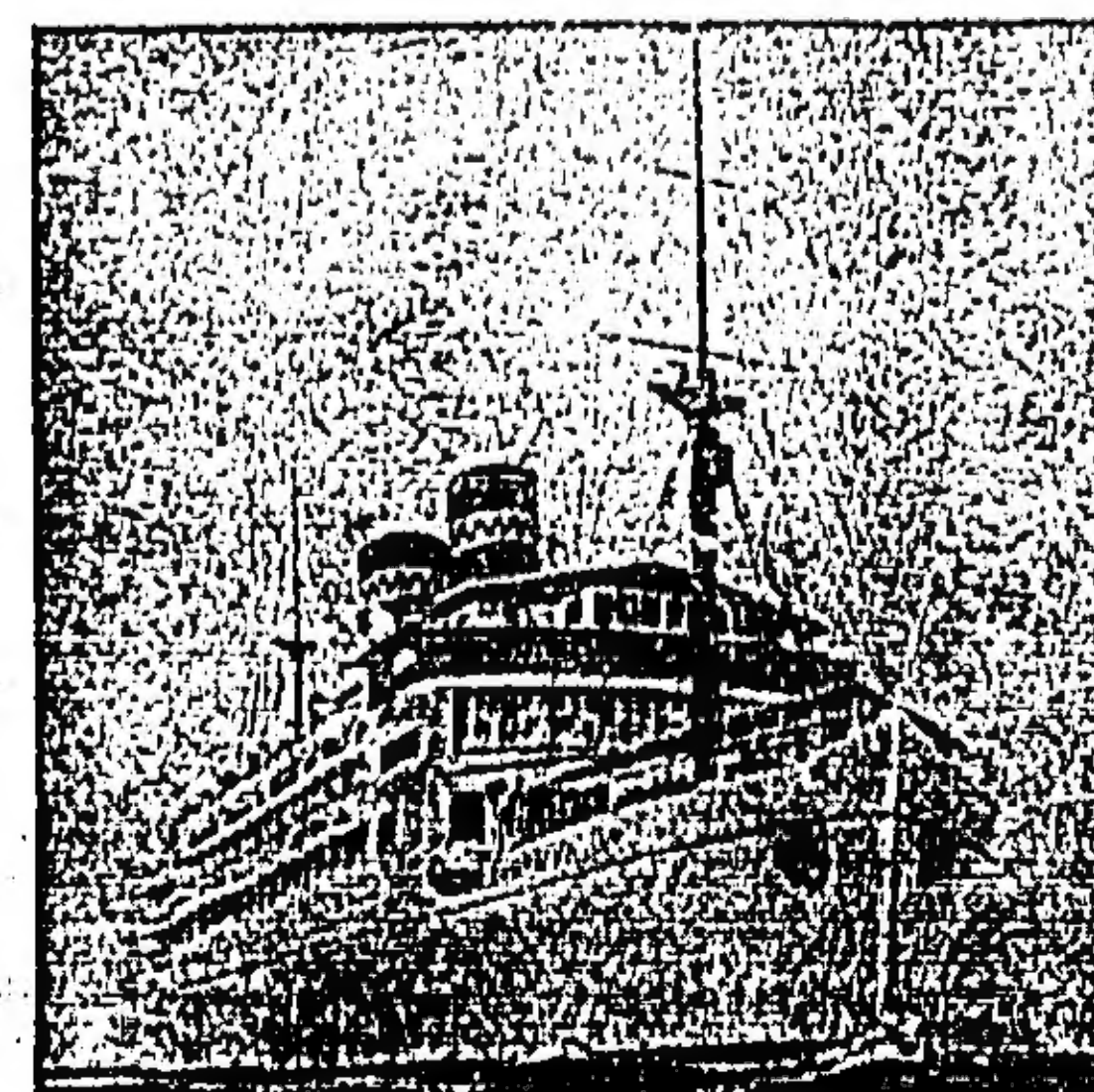
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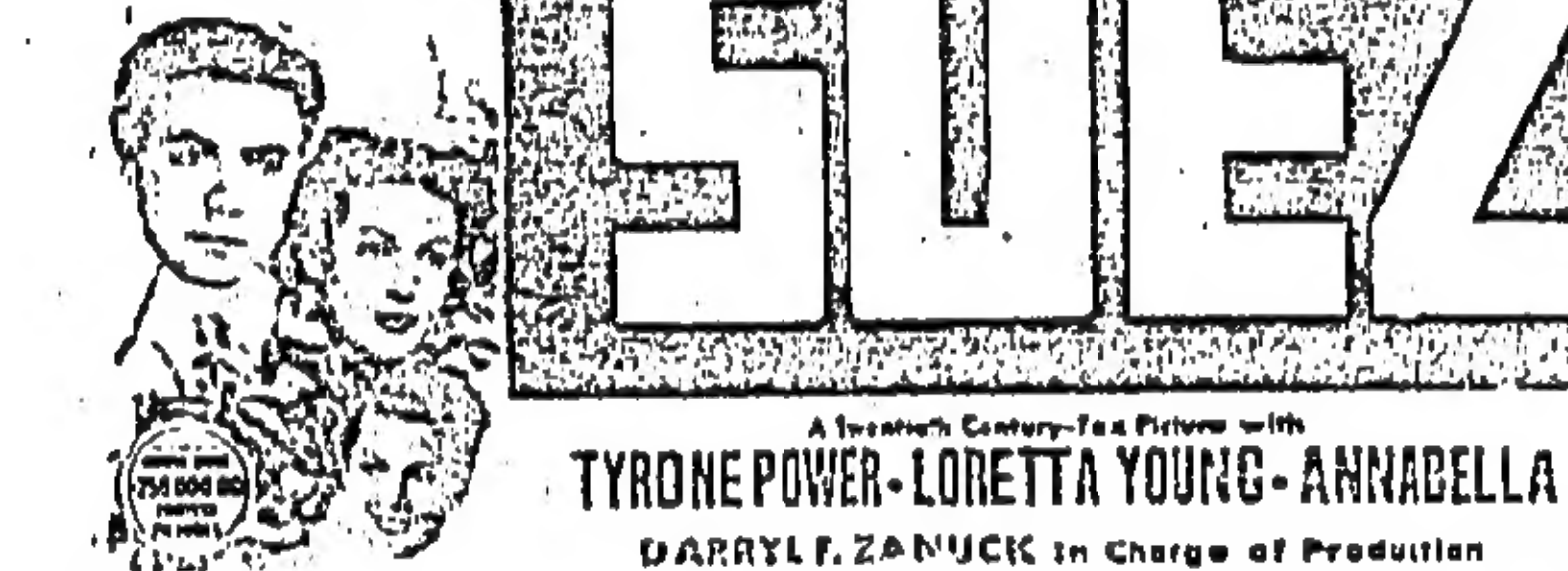
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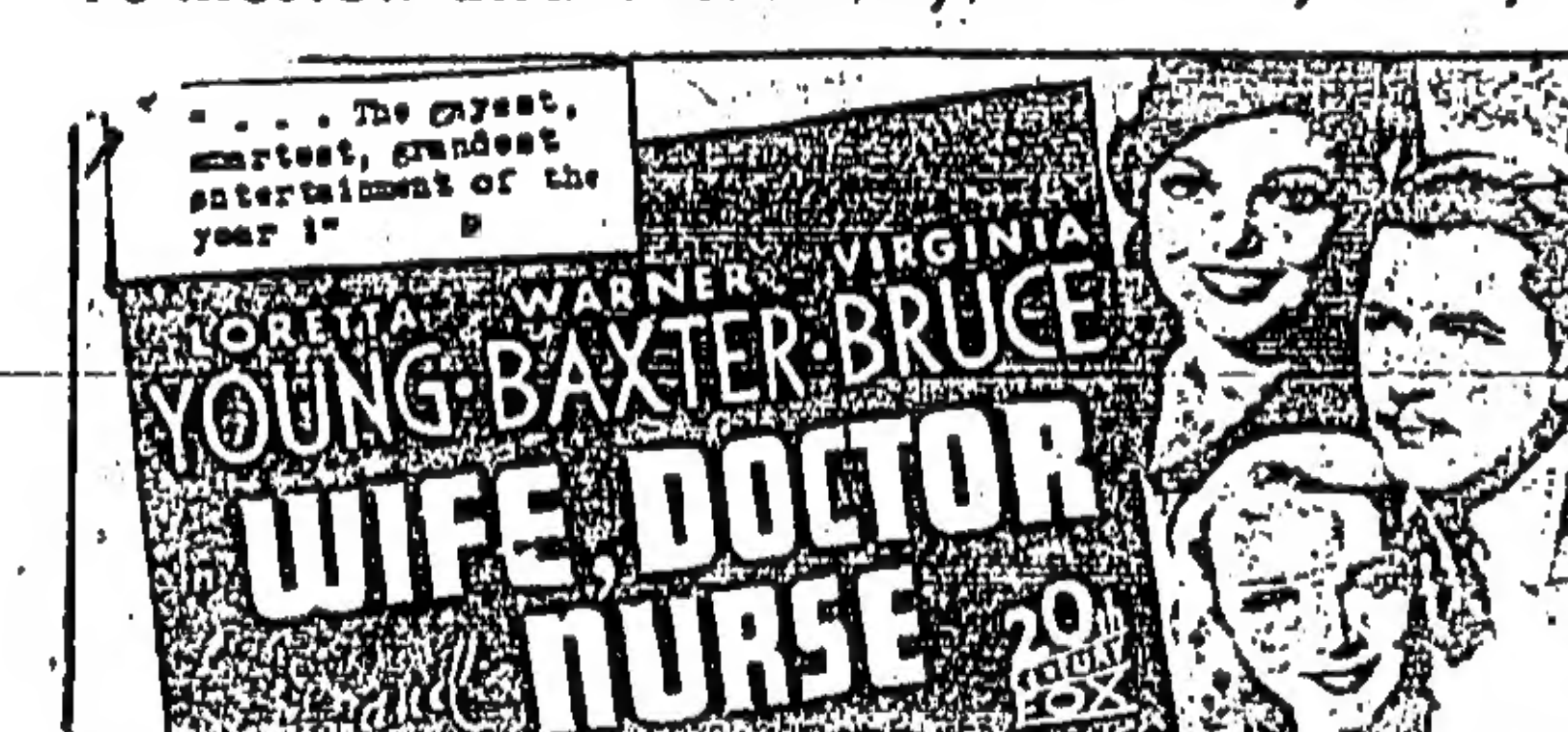
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HELPING BRITAIN TO NAIL LIES BROADCAST FROM GERMANY

By A Radio Correspondent

BRITAIN'S broadcasting interception service, which picks up 250,000 words daily from radio stations in all parts of the world, is about to be remodelled to meet the growing demands on it from official quarters.

Hospital Ship Hotel Comforts

AT A CHANNEL PORT. COMFORTS provided for the wounded were shown me when I inspected a British hospital ship and a train—one of a fleet—in which the men will be taken to distant hospitals.

The ship, officially a hospital carrier, was formerly on a passenger service. Now her staterooms are wards, sick beds line the promenade deck, and where old soldiers swapped yarns in the last war is now the dressing room for walking casualties. Large red crosses, including one on the funnel, show her mission to any lurking undersea menace.

Wooden ramps enable stretchers to be carried aboard and taken to the wards with the minimum of discomfort to the patients of the ship.

Speed With Comfort

On arrival at port from France, the stretchers are carried to a large shed, where refreshments are provided from a canteen run by the "Silver Lady," whose work for London down-and-out is well known. Then the wounded are taken to an ambulance train—nine coaches of almost unbelievable efficiency. In 60 to 90 minutes the ship can be cleared and the train, two to each ship, sent on their way.

The coaches, which are actually ward vans, hold 36 wounded on three tiers high, or can be converted to hold 40 and 50 sitting cases. Three-course lunch.

More meals on the train—eggs and bacon, if it is a breakfast-time start, and a three-course lunch later.

A final word, despite rumours that the ship has not been wounded. These hospital carriers and trains have been used for accident cases and other sickness.

At present this service, operated for the Government by the B.B.C. at Ministry of Information expense, employs four shifts of men and women, giving a complete 24-hour listening service.

Each shift consists of 10 "monitors" or listeners, five sub-editors and a number of shorthand writers, typists and engineers. Daily they listen to 150 news bulletins in all languages. By pressing a button each listener can record the speech being received, and these records are taken by dispatch rider to any Government department which needs them.

Check On Nazi Lies

"Government departments have been most generous in their praise of the work which we are doing," Sir Stephen Tallents, of the B.B.C., told me yesterday.

"We use the service ourselves to keep check on foreign propaganda. Sometimes we can broadcast an official denial of some lie within any hour of having picked it up."

"We know that the Germans are running a similar listening-post, because they sometimes quote our broadcasts. Only recently they made great play of an inaccuracy of translation."

B.B.C. men are shortly to launch a nation-wide inquiry into the effect of German radio propaganda on British listeners.

They will endeavour to find out: How many people listen to German propaganda broadcasts; how many listen because they believe it, and how many for amusement.

Lord Haw-Haw, Comedian

A B.B.C. official said the general impression was that people listened because they found it amusing. "We have even considered that on their entertainment value we might record some of the broadcasts from Germany and include them in our own programmes," I was told.

"Despite threats of the death penalty, confiscation of sets and so on, there is evidence that in Germany many still listen to the B.B.C. broadcasts in German."

At the moment the chief Nazi broadcasts in English are: Zeeman on 31.45 metres at 8.15 p.m., and Hamburg on 331 metres at 9.10 p.m.

JUDGE INSPECTS £425 ANKLE

After inspecting the ankle of a hosiery worker, and hearing the evidence, Mr. Justice Singleton awarded her £425 damages (including £160 for lost wages) at Notts Assizes.

It was stated that the girl, Miss Olive Brown, of Main Street, Horsley Woodhouse, had to postpone her wedding because of an accident, which occurred while she and Mr. Bernard Garner, of Langley Mill, were walking.

Her leg was broken when she was knocked down and Mr. N. Robinson (for plaintiff) said that the bone had "set in a way that must have been very upsetting in these days of short skirts."

Mr. Garner was also awarded agreed damages of £70.

LATE NEWS

DOG STAYED BY KNIGHT AND WIFE SHOT IN WOOD

PETERSFIELD.

SIR WILLIAM REID, former Acting-Governor of Assam, and his wife, who had lived quietly at Dürford Wood for about 12 years, taking little part in social activities though they had many friends, have been found shot in a wood near their house.

Judy, their pet spaniel, was crouching near the bodies. It had kept foodless vigil for nearly 48 hours.

A 12-bore sporting gun was found beside them. Lady Reid had a wound in the left side of her face. Sir William had been shot through the heart.

Police Search

Before the discovery, at a spot rarely visited, West Sussex and Hampshire police combed the countryside. Search began after Sir William and his wife failed to return.

Took Ring To Court

A YOUNG couple who were married at Edmonton on Christmas Day bought a wedding ring on their way to obtain the Court's permission to marry.

"Just a sign of optimism which turned out to be right," said the bridegroom-to-be, Mr. Hubert Hobbs (22), of Windmill Road, Edmonton.

His sweetheart Miss Ethel Frances Cunningham (20), of Huxley Road, Edmonton, said:

"To-day is the first anniversary of our engagement."

"Dad may be called up for the Army soon, I would like to have a few months of married life with him before he goes away."

"I am quite old enough to know my own mind, and I know we shall be happy."

At Tottenham police court the marriage was opposed by the girl's mother, Mrs. Ethel Cunningham, of Leyburn Road, Edmonton.

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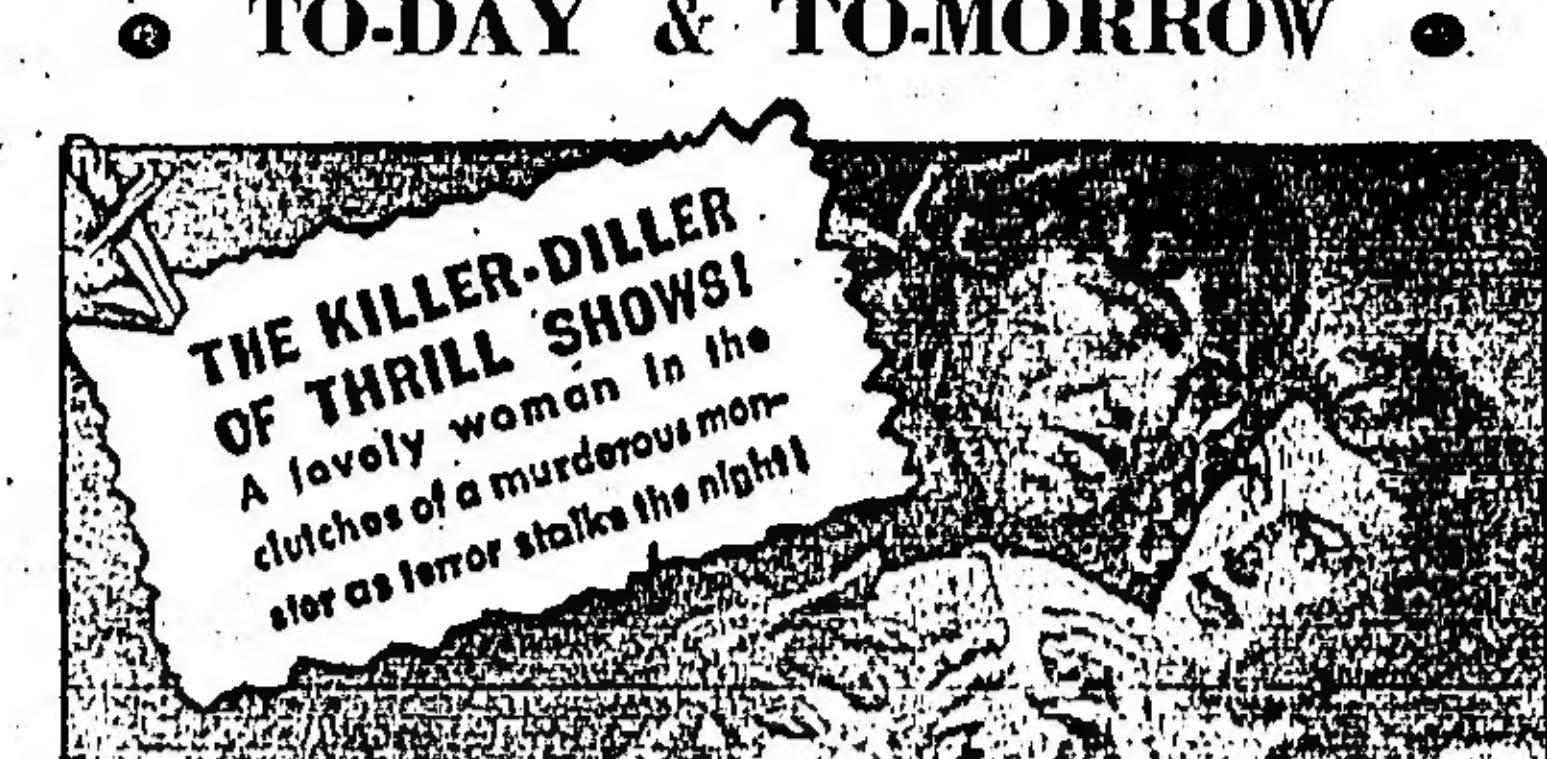


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YESTERDAY, the war between China and Japan was 2 1/2 years old. With the exception of the Spanish Civil War, which lasted 1,000 days, it is the longest war the world has known since 1914-18, and may well exceed that war in length unless Japan capitulates. Here are some facts about

2 1/2 Years of War in China

1937

July 7.—War began with a brush between Japanese and Chinese soldiers near Peking.

July 30.—Japanese completely controlled Peking and Tientsin.

August 11.—Japanese Fleet arrived at Shanghai.

August 12.—Fighting began in Shanghai.

November 12.—Japanese won Shanghai battle.

December 12.—Nanking China's capital fell.

1938

April 14.—China won her greatest victory at Taihoku.

October 21.—Japanese entered Canton.

October 25.—Japanese entered Hankow.

1939

March 27.—Japanese entered Nanchang.

June 21.—Japanese seized port of Swatow.

Nov. 12.—Japanese seized Fuzhou.

Dec. 2.—Japanese seized Nanning.

"INCIDENTS"

With Britain.—In August, 1937, Japanese planes attacked the car of Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen, then British Ambassador in China. Sir Hugh was gravely wounded. In June, 1939 Japan instituted blockade of British Concession at Tientsin.

With U.S.A.—In December, 1937, Japanese planes bombed and sank the American gunboat Panay in the Yangtze.

With France.—Early this year the Japanese occupied Hainan Island, threatening French Indo-China.

With Russia.—In August, 1938, Japanese and Russian forces clashed at Changkufeng. Now they are fighting on the borders of Outer Mongolia.

"ANOMALIES"

Japan has not yet declared war on China.

The Japanese military authorities have set up puppet governments at Peking and Nanking, but not a single Power—not even Japan herself—has recognised them.

When the war started the Japanese said it would be over in a few months. Now the Japanese War Minister General Itagaki, says Japan must be prepared to fight five, ten or even twenty years.

Chinese guerrilla troops are still active on the outskirts of Peking, which the Japanese conquered two years ago.

"PEACE HIBS"

Before Nanking fell, Dr. Trautmann, German Ambassador, transmitted proposals to the Chinese, who rejected them.

December, 1938, Prince Konoze, then Japanese Premier, again offered terms to China, which were again rejected.

Last year Mr. Wang Ching-wel, one of the Chinese Government leaders, published what he regarded as acceptable peace terms. He was immediately dismissed from all his posts.

"LEADERS SAY—"

General Abe, Japanese Premier: "Japan will go ahead with the construction of the new order in East Asia."

Chiang Kai-shek, Chinese Generalissimo: "The final victory is ours. China is fighting to sacrifice space for time—to draw the Japanese deeper into the mire, and so achieve eventual victory."

FINLAND HAS LOTS OF FOOD

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—The food situation in Finland is good.

Ration cards are only required for coffee and sugar. There are ample home supplies of milk, cream, butter and eggs.

BRITAIN AGAINST REVOLTS AGAINST DISMISSAL SECRET SESSION OF PARLIAMENT MAY BE TOLD PREMIER'S REASONS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 7 (UP).—It is reported here that Mr. Chamberlain may defend the dropping of Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha only before a secret session of Parliament, despite increasing public demands for an explanation.

"This is very much bigger than you imagine—it has to come," was Mr. Hore-Belisha's comment on the report.

The retiring War Minister has received a flood of messages, indicating that interest in his resignation has eclipsed that even of Mr. Anthony Eden's retirement.

He hands his Seal of Office to His Majesty the King on Tuesday. On the same day Mr. Chamberlain will make a speech on the war situation at the Mansion House in which he may refer to the Cabinet changes.

Meanwhile the popular British press continues to criticise Mr. Hore-Belisha's resignation in bitter language.

"The public will not stand for the subject surrender of Mr. Chamberlain to the high-east brags hats," asserts the "Sunday Pictorial." Mr. Hore-Belisha has been convicted for using his brains.

"Mr. Hore-Belisha is the victim of anti-Jewish feeling among a section of his highly placed critics," says Lord Rothermere's "Sunday Dispatch."

Premier Expected To Clarify Situation

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—The resignation of Mr. Hore-Belisha is still the subject of much puzzled comment in Britain, and to-day's newspapers continue to give it plenty of space.

The period statement by the Prime Minister at Tuesday's week's meeting of the House of Commons may explain the resignation, but until then all reference to Mr. Hore-Belisha's reasons must remain purely speculative.

He may himself make a personal explanation to the House of Commons, but political circles in London believe that if he does, he will say very little and will probably shed very little light on the real reason.

Public's Uneasiness

The most outspoken paper is the "Observer," which says that Mr. Hore-Belisha's resignation will give the public more than a week-end of uneasiness. Whatever watch he keeps on his own lips, his record will maintain his innocence.

Both the "Sunday Times" and the "Sunday Chronicle" stress that his resignation will make no difference to the conduct of the war. Both papers, too, hope that he will be back before long.

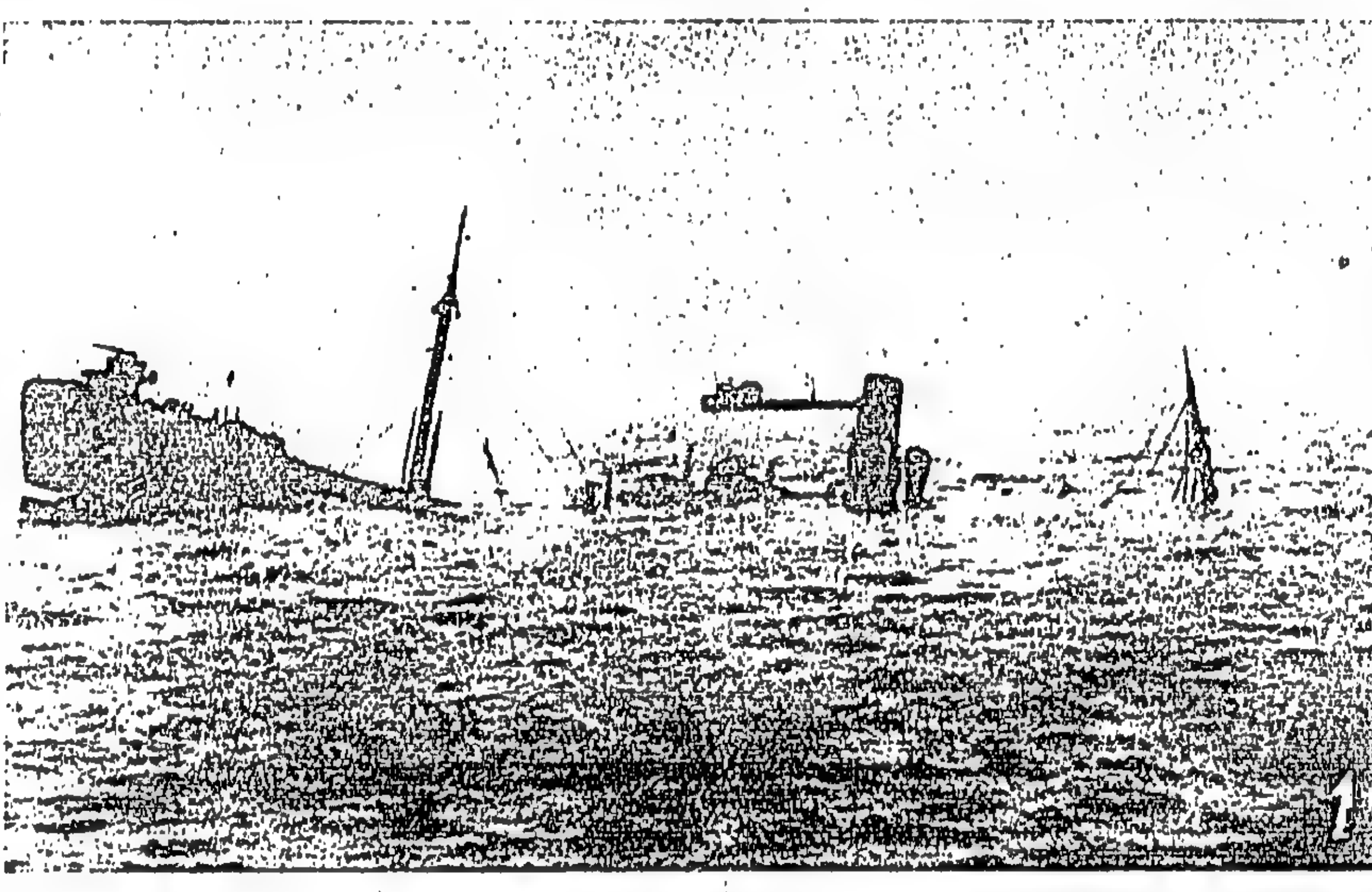
To Make Statement

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—It is understood that Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, the former War Minister, following Parliamentary tradition, will make a personal statement at the end of question time upon resumption of Parliament on January 10.

He will make his last appearance at the War Office to-morrow before handing back the seals of office on Tuesday.

DECLARATION OF DEFIANCE

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—A Finnish broadcast appeal to-day declared: "We may be beaten by force but we shall have to be annihilated."



THIS GRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPH of a British steamer sinking in the North Sea was taken from the U-boat responsible for the outrage. The steamer was the S.S. Blackhill. Note anti-submarine gun mounted on stern.—South China Photo Service.

JAPAN SEEKS NEW PACT WITH U.S.A.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Jan. 7 (UP).—The vernacular newspapers here to-day gave banner headlines to a report that the Japanese Foreign Minister intends to invite the United States Ambassador, Mr. Joseph Grew to visit him this week, when the Japanese will press for a formal opening of trade negotiations with the object of concluding a modus vivendi.

Conscription In India Mooted Compulsory Service For Europeans

NEW DELHI, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—It is understood that compulsory national service for male European British subjects in India is under consideration by the Government of India.

All Britons between the ages of 16 and 50 are now registered under an ordinance issued by the Viceroy on August 30.

McSPADEN WINS P. I. OPEN

MANILA, Jan. 7 (UP).—Harold ("Jugs") McSpaden won the Philippines Open Golf Championship to-day with a record score of 287, on the Wack Wack Course.

Other scores were:

Emery Zimmerman	291
Miyamoto	292
T. Toda	297
B. Asami	298
Larry Montes	299
Al Zimmerman	301
N. Von Nida	302
J. Mortola	303
H. L. Williams	307

Reuter adds that the first three between them receive the lion's share of the 10,000 pesos prize money.

Viceroy In Bombay

BOMBAY, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—The Viceroy of India and Lady Linlithgow arrived here this afternoon on a week's visit.

EX-KAISER IS INDISPOSED

DOORN, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—The ex-Kaiser is slightly indisposed with a cold and is confined to his room.

He will be unable to attend the funeral at Amerongen on Tuesday of his friend Count Bentinck, who first gave him shelter when he came to Holland after abdicating.

Count Bentinck died on Friday, aged 82.

ROME TALKS

RUMANIAN-HUNGARIAN RELATIONS

ROME, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—The only element of surprise resulting from the Clano-Csanik meeting is the announcement that Count Csanik is returning to Budapest to-morrow instead of going to San Remo for a proposed holiday.

It is included in some quarters here that developments may shortly be expected in relations between Hungary and Rumania, and a consideration which arose during the talks will be discussed in Budapest immediately.

So far, however, there appears little evidence for such a belief.

Tacit Agreement Suspected

The idea is expressed here, but merely as a suggestion, that Budapest may inform Bucharest that she will refrain from harassing Rumania on the Transylvanian border if Russia makes a move against Bessarabia, compelling Rumanian armed resistance.

It has been long believed in Rome that some tacit agreement already exists between Rumania and Bulgaria, thus relieving Rumania of any immediate worry on the Dobruja border.

Identity Of Views

VENICE, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—Following a further conversation between Count Ciano and Count Csanik, the Italian and Hungarian Foreign Ministers respectively, which lasted an hour, a communique was issued stating that the Ministers had exchanged views on the Balkan situation.

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Survivors From Nazi Ship Due Shortly

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

VERA CRUZ, Mex. Jan. 7 (UP).—Seventeen Chinese crewmen who were aboard the liner Columbus when she was scuttled in mid-Atlantic, left for Mexico City to-day en route to San Francisco, where they will embark for China.

Former Bishop Of Wakefield Dies

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—The death is announced of Dr. M. R. Eden, the former Bishop of Wakefield, aged 80.

FINN BOMPHLETS OVER LENINGRAD

(Bibles are dropped instead of pamphlets)

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—According to Finnish circles here, Finnish airmen report that they have repeatedly flown over Leningrad, dropping small bibles. Bibles have also been distributed by other methods.

The Finns believe that this will have a considerable moral effect on the Red troops.

Optimism Increases

Optimism among the Finns is increasing because of three factors:

1.—Their air defences are proving increasingly effective, being rapidly augmented.

2.—The entire eastern front from the Arctic Ocean to Lake Ladoga, on which 300,000 Russians are concentrated, has been successfully held by smaller, but extremely mobile Finnish forces.

3.—The prospects of the short southern front on the Karelian Isthmus, which is a very critical point, are in no way unpromising, although the vast weight of the Russians is being concentrated there before the Mannerheim line.

Red Attack Turned Back

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—A communique issued to-day states that the attempt of an enemy ski detachment to outflank the Finnish troops in the Salla sector was defeated. Three hundred of the enemy were killed.

Enemy air-raids on Lahti and Kuopio on January 6 resulted in one killed and two wounded. Material damage was not great.

Twelve enemy planes were shot down.

300 Russians Killed

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 7 (UP).—An official communique says that 300 Red Russian ski patrolers were killed in the Salla region last Saturday while attempting to outflank the Finns. Twelve Red planes were shot down.

The Finns repulsed a two-day attack near Lake Hatanjoki, where the Russians have begun entrenching. One was killed and a few wounded in air raids at Lahti and Kuopio. The Finns bombed the enemy lines at several places.

Fighting Confirmed

ROVANIEMI, Jan. 7 (UP).—The "United Press" correspondent has confirmed that fighting is still raging at Salla, the Finns advancing along two roads leading into Salla from Komijarvi, repeating their drive which routed the Russian 103rd Army last month.

The Russians bombed and bombed the Finns near the front but failed to break up the defence, due to the Finn tactics of using thin lines.

The world's slating champion, Birger Vassenius, was killed in action on January 2 while leading a skating patrol on Lake Ladoga. He was the first in line when the Finns started across the ice and was hit by a sharpshooter.

Little External Damage

The City of Marseilles was towed into port to-day. She had very little external damage apart from the fact that two life-boats were wrecked in their davits, but the interior of the vessel was wrecked.

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BIG CITY LINER STRIKES MINE

CAPTAIN HURT IN EXPLOSION

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—The City liner, City of Marseilles, was badly holed amidships after striking a mine off the Scottish coast yesterday.

One Lincair was killed and 13 Indian seamen were injured.

The explosion occurred only a few minutes after the pilot cutter had put the pilot aboard.

The master of the cutter said that they had gone away about 50 yards from the City of Marseilles when the latter struck a mine.

Life-Boats Capsize

The ship's boats were immediately lowered but two boats capsized and about 14 men were seen swimming in the water. Three managed to climb on the rudder of the liner and the pilot cutter put off one of her own boats and picked up the men in the water. Some of the men were in the last stages of exhaustion.

Afterwards the cutter took four of the liner's life-boats in tow, bringing about 40 members of the crew of the liner to port.

A life-boat was called out and was guided to the liner by an air force plane.

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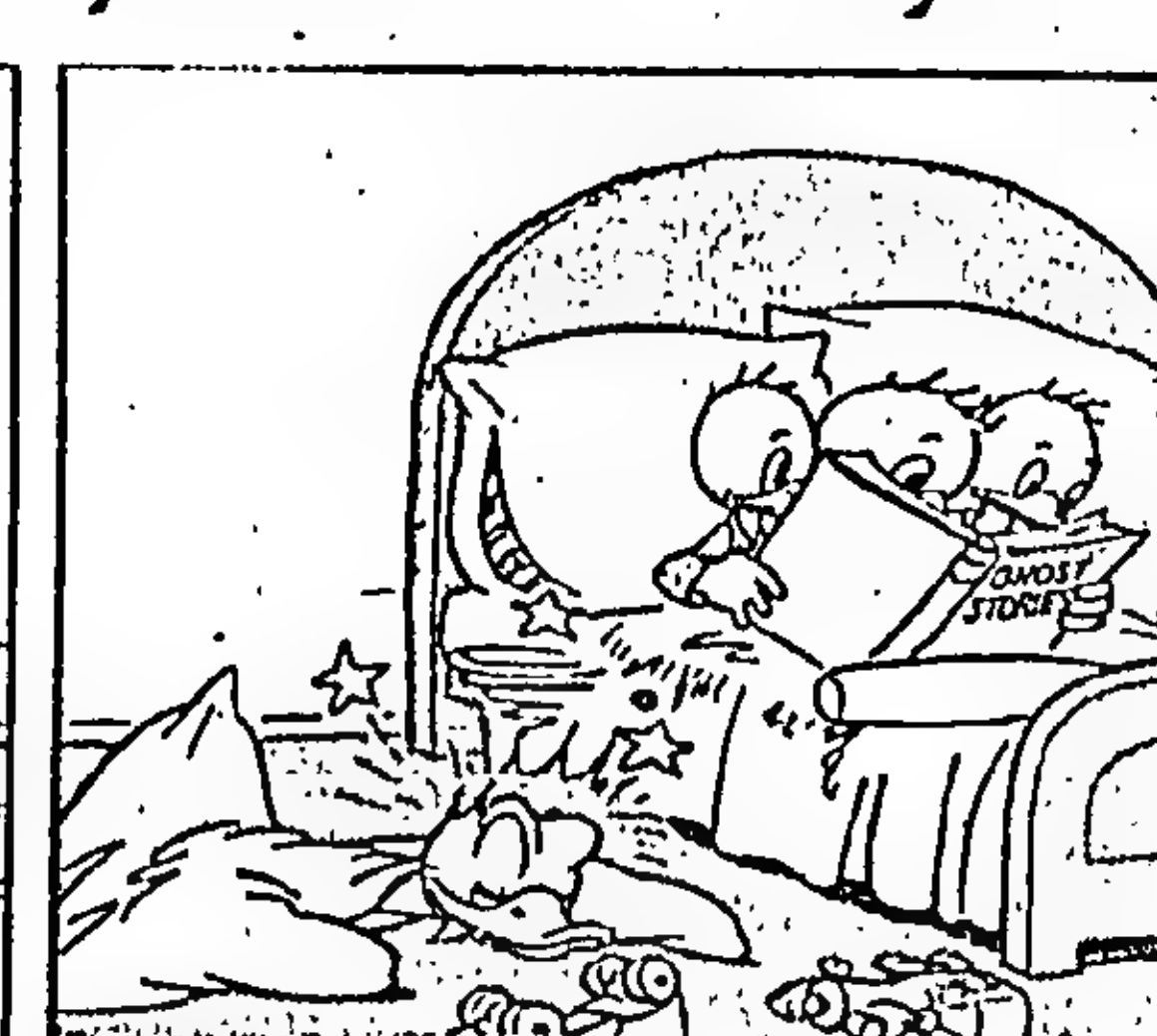
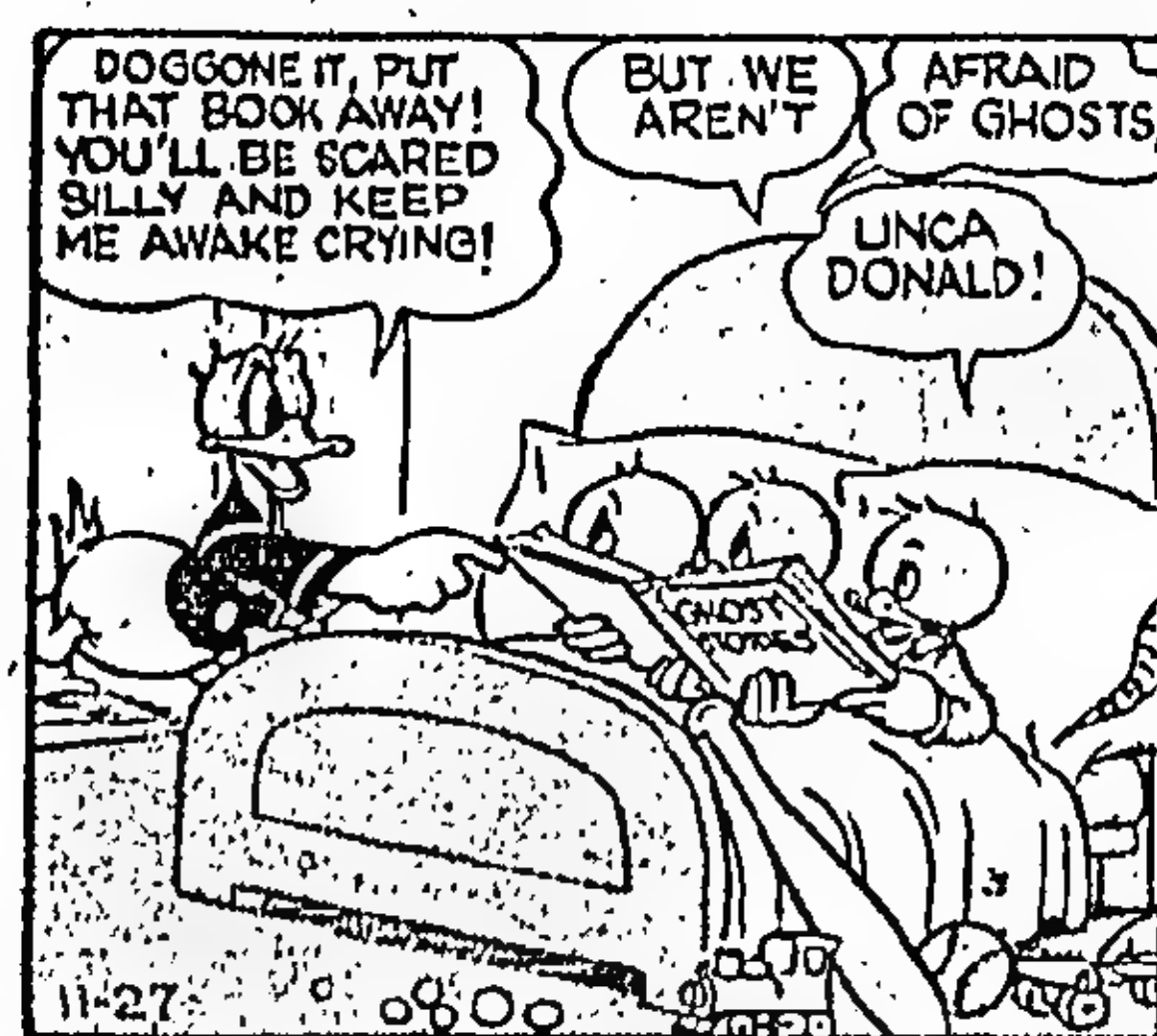
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A Look Through
The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Jan. 8, 1890.
The interesting action that impulsion for debt has been published in Great Britain is heavily counteracted by the fact that recent statistics show that no fewer than ten thousand letters are now, or were quite lately, in English prisons.

25 YEARS AGO

Jan. 8, 1915.
The arrest of Cardinal Mercier, Archbishop of Belgium, has caused a profound impression in Rome. Papal circles are astonished and can hardly believe that Germany would be guilty of such an act.

It is reported that President Wilson is lending his support to the candidacy of Mr. Champ Clark for the democratic presidential nomination in 1916.

10 YEARS AGO

Jan. 8, 1930.
Hongkong is again in the grip of a cold snap, the temperature recorded at the Royal Observatory this morning 7 o'clock being 4.7. We have to go back twelve years to find a lower January temperature than this, the mercury then falling to 38.8.

5 YEARS AGO

Jan. 8, 1935.
At 7 o'clock to-night in the Venice Palace, Signor Mussolini and M. Laval signed the three main agreements, and additional protocols for peace, included in the Franco-Italian Pact which will, it is hoped, embrace the nations of Europe in a friendly understanding for the preservation of peaceful relations and existing frontiers.

Early comment upon President Roosevelt's budget speech reveals some concern in certain quarters at the prospective increase in the already staggering public debt. It is felt by members of both parties that the public debt burden is growing out of all proportion.

Speaking at a memorial service meeting held in Nanking to-day, Mr. Wang Ching-wel, President of the Executive Yuan, said that 1935 would be a most critical year for China for in this year the situation in the Orient and the world in general, would likely see radical changes. He urged the people of China to unite themselves to a greater degree to fight for existence as a nation.

Inside Germany

Blitzkrieg Or Collapse

By Willi Erischauer



"GERMANY is prepared to carry on a victorious war and then conclude peace. We are resolved to fight until the British Empire is destroyed." This was a recent declaration by a spokesman of the German Foreign Office. He added:

"It is hoped to deal with the enemies separately; first annihilating Britain and then dictating terms to France."

The whole German Press was crying, "War to the end against Britain." Correspondents of neutral papers were spurred on by Berlin officials to give the impression that the war is really to start in earnest now. Hitler, it was intimated, has at last made up his mind; the order has been given to bring Britain to her knees, to smash the British Empire.

But how? No hint of that is given in any of the messages so far sent out of Berlin.

REPORTS from Zurich tell of rising discontent in Austria. There is resistance to orders and sabotage in factories. Women demonstrate, carrying empty baskets, in Vienna market-places. A high official of the Vienna police is rumoured to have been assassinated on Thursday morning.

The Paris "Matin" says that General von Blomberg, former War Minister and Commander-in-Chief of the German Army, has been shot and 150 officers have been arrested for a plot against Hitler.

The correspondent of a Stockholm newspaper, living in Berlin, dares openly to say that the German people are obviously perturbed by the signs of indecision in the Nazi High Command.

The United States Press, served also by correspondents in Berlin, was unanimous yesterday in writing of the German strategic position as serious and in describing the mood of the German people as one of despair.



HITLER'S YES MEN SAY 'NO'

WHILE above reports reach London from neutral sources. Some of the sources are clearly inspired by Nazi propagandists. Others attempt to give an objective picture of the Nazi position as foreign observers see it.

Let me tell you here what I think of them and what, in my opinion, is going on inside Germany.

SEEKING ADVICE
Hitler has never taken a major decision without calling in all his responsible Nazi collaborators. And he has never listened to their advice. Those whom he summoned usually trembled lest their views should disagree with the Fuehrer's.

BLITZKRIEG, the German for "lightning war," has in the last month become almost part of the English language. Pronounced blitzkreep. In German it is pronounced as "ee" in team; EI as "i" in time.

I have no doubt that it all started in the same way this time. The only—and vital—difference is that now everybody seems to disagree with Hitler.

There is Goering, the Nazi hero, who wanted to make a broad-based plea for frugality among the Nazis.

How dare you make a speech like that? Hitler is reported to have said, looking at Goering's figure.

The fat Field-Marshal left Hitler offended, dejected, angry.

It was the first real quarrel between the two. It might well have tremendous consequences.

How about the home front? This is the question which Hitler put to Himmler.

But since the bomb exploded in the Munich beerhouse Hitler has not trusted Himmler quite so much.

And Himmler is the kind to reply by making his report as black as possible.

It emphasises the essential importance of his position as Commander-in-Chief of the German Police.

There is, he must report, trouble in Prague. The students, for centuries the banner-bearers of revolution, are restless again.

S.S. and Gestapo cannot hold down the young Czechs. They have grown up in the tradition of the struggle for freedom and they are carrying it on.

A few hundred arrests cannot break their spirit.

There are the Austrians, some of whom greeted Hitler enthusiastically when he marched in.

Two years' experience of the Nazi regime—without their adored coffee and whipped cream—has done much to change their loyalties.

They think of happier days before and even after the last war.

The Austrians are sentimental, noisy, restless, revolutionary by habit. They are more than ever restless now.

Hitler can turn only to his generals. The conduct of the war is in their hands.

But they pour ridicule on his conception of a "Blitzkrieg." They have expressed their opinion in the military journals more than once.

A modern offensive calls for extensive preparations, they said, and these preparations cannot be hidden from the enemy.

The element of surprise must be ruled out.

The enemy can be left in doubt as to the exact point at which attack will be launched, but "Blitzkrieg" is impossible.

In peace time Hitler would have sacked—or shot—every general opposing his command, or even his view.

He cannot do so now. Whatever his plans, he needs all his generals, and their goodwill to carry them out.

There is Goebbels, whom he would have sacked had not the foreign Press registered his disgrace as a sign of internal Nazi dissension.

There is Himmler, his influence with Hitler waning, and trying to count his Nazi blessings.

There is Goering, the successor.

FINAL THROW

Finally there are—let us not forget them—the great mass of the German people.

They are prepared to follow Hitler on his road to glory and aggrandisement.

But a popular German poem has it that these same followers will have their hero at the first sign of failure.

Such a sign is now beginning to throw a shadow over Hitler's Germany.

The great vision which Hitler, the orator, painted for his people, cannot be materialised by Hitler, the politician and strategist.

I believe that his credit with the

THAT LEFT
£2,999 19s.

MR. CHARLES STEVENSON, a chauffeur, of Hatch End, Middlesex, never goes to the pictures.

But one night was an exception; he decided to have a "shillingsworth" at the local hall.

And that left him with £2,999 19s.

For Charles has been left £3,000—and a car—by his employer, Mr. Herbert Minton Bickley, of Oakleigh-road, Hatch End.

"I drove Mr. Bickley about for 20 years," he said, "and he was more like a father than a master to me."

EVERYONE OUGHT TO
MAKE A WILL

(Continued from Page 4.)

"I give to my brother George Smith my gold watch and a sum of £50." You will then give only the residue of your estate to your wife or whomever it is to be.

Go on next to appoint one or more executors to deal with your estate—"I appoint . . . to be Executor of this my Will." Don't appoint somebody who is likely to die before you or who might not be on hand when wanted. It may be a good plan in these days to appoint the Public Trustee or the Executor Department of one of the Banks; they will do the work for quite reasonable fees and they can always be found.

When you have said all you want to, you must sign the Will immediately beneath what you have written—"In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this first day of November One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Nine; John Smith."

The signature must be witnessed by two witnesses and this clause should be added before they sign: "Signed by the above named J. Smith in the presence of us present at the same time who in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses. That sounds rather a formidable but it will save trouble when the Will comes to be proved."

The witnesses should add their addresses and occupations and may be anybody who would be competent to give evidence if necessary, but they must not be persons (or the husband or wife of any person) who get any benefit under the Will—if they witness they lose their legacies.

That's all you need do. No seals. No stamps. And very likely a better job than the Will of a certain Chancery Judge which ran to several thousand highly technical words and proved to be as full of holes as a sieve.

Let me add a word of warning. If you want to do anything more involved than the very simple scheme outlined above or if your affairs are at all complicated, you should let a solicitor draft a Will for you. I know of one man who boasted that he wouldn't spend legal fees on a job he could do himself, but that little economy cost his wife £10,000 because he ought to have used a form of words he didn't know.

If you already have a Will, take another look at it. How old is it? Is it still what you mean? Have any of the legacies died since it was made?

A last word about soldiers, sailors and airmen, because they have special powers about Wills. Any service man on active service or a sailor at sea can make a Will without obeying any formalities at all. Even a few words scratched on an identity disc have been held to be a valid Will of a serving soldier.

Moreover, he need not have attained the age of 21 which is necessary before any civilian can make a Will.

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10.0 Songs by Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano).

10.10 Brahms, Concerto No. 1 in D Minor, Op. 15. Artur Schnabel (Piano) and the London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Georg Szell.

11.0 Close down.

Whitehall Visits
Front Lines

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—The Financial Secretary to the British War Office is to spend a few days at the B.E.F. Headquarters in France.

Lord Halifax has paid a visit to the secret headquarters of the R.A.F. Fighter Command.

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Tribute

THOUGH the war on land has reached a point of deadlock and the war in the air still hangs fire, at sea, the struggle for mastery is being waged relentlessly and on an ever-increasing scale.

For weeks we have all been saying: "This is a queer war—nothing seems to happen," but that was because we were safely on dry land. Plenty has been happening at sea. Hundreds of men and women have suffered and died, and many fine ships have been sunk.

Look at the list. The Athenia, the Courageous, the Royal Oak, A submarine, a destroyer, a minesweeper: Numerous trawlers and cargo boats, carrying on with their all-important task of bringing supplies to Britain. A dozen or two of neutral ships. And now a sudden spate of sinkings by the merciless Nazi mines.

Let us pay tribute to the crews of all these ships, British and neutral alike, who have known full well the dangers they were facing and have still done their duty. Let us pay tribute to the passengers who have been the victims of the war at sea, and to the men who have risked their own lives in the work of rescue. Let us salute the devotion of all these men, and their steadfast courage.

LET us determine, also, to face and overcome the new problems created by the Nazi mines which prey indiscriminately on the shipping of the world. The intention is clear—to ring our coasts with an impassable barrier and starve us out.

What is the answer? First, the one that has been given—economic reprisal. Second, the sweeping of the mines. If, as is supposed, they are mines of a new type, the task of sweeping them may present new difficulties. We must overcome those difficulties, and we believe that they will be overcome.

Third, and not least important, we must strain every effort not merely to replace the ships we are losing, but to build up a merchant fleet which will more than suffice for all our war-time needs, with a margin to spare. That is a great task, but it can be done.

Hongkong, with its splendid shipyards, can be expected to play an important part in this work.



"WHEN DID YOU LAST SEE YOUR FATHER?"

A suspected anti-Nazi plot by the ex-Crown Prince and other relatives of the exiled Kaiser is being investigated by the Nazis, say reports from Germany.

CONSCIENCE on the CARPET

by Stuart Fletcher

"CONSCIENCE," said Hamlet, "doth make cowards of us all." But in war-time conscience makes brave men of a lot of young people.

Think of the nervousness, the desperate unhappiness which most of us feel if we are called upon to make the shortest speech at a wedding or a dinner or to say thank you publicly for a set of presentation fish-knives.

What a torturing procession ensues of ums and ahs, throat-clearings and nervous clutchings of the nearest solid support! The Englishman's home is his soap-box; outside it as a rule he is as dumb as an ox and not nearly as decorative.

Yet in many parts of Britain at present young men of 20 and 21 with no experience of public speaking are standing up in public courts to proclaim views which in a country at war are the most unpopular views they could possibly hold—pacifist ones.

Expert for the professional martyr, it is never wholly pleasant, and certainly always difficult, to swim against the main current of public opinion.

The War Aim

Possibly young conscientious objectors are fortified in their appeal for tolerance by the statement that this particular war is being fought for democracy and liberty and the freedom of individual opinion.

Come with me, then, to one particular Conscientious Objectors' Tribunal, which in the course of little more than a month has gained for itself some notoriety, to see how far these high-minded principles are being given expression by the professional examiners of conscience.

The stage is set. An usher—a one-armed man who is probably a wounded veteran of the last war—calls out a name, and a young man, his Adam's apple bobbing up and down in an extremity of nervousness, walks hurriedly into the well of the court and faces the Tribunal.

Having verified the applicant's name, the judge reads out his statement claiming exemption. This is a statement of faith, sometimes eloquently, more often tediously written, but none the less a statement.

The judge reads it out in a flat, dry, hurrying voice as if it is an inventory of rather unsavoury groceries.

Then come questions. And these, as I have pointed out in this newspaper already, give the impression of being designed less to measure the depth of an applicant's conscience than to muddle a mind already confused by the necessity of making a desperate decision.

The amount of barren theological disputation and smart-aleck bandying of Bible texts which goes on in this court would have tried the patience even of a conference of medieval schoolmen.

"Where in the New Testament," asks the judge, "does Christ specifically say that war is incompatible with His teaching?"

These elderly examiners—a county court judge, a professor of philosophy, an ex-educationalist, and a retired trade union leader—sit in the Council Chamber of Fulham Town Hall. They constitute the London Conscientious Objectors' Tribunal.

A half-circle of oak pews faces them. Overlooking them is a public gallery whence from time to time come duly repressed litters, murmurs of disapprobation, and whispered controversies.

Around the chamber are stained glass windows of past kings and queens of England. A life-size oil painting of George the Fifth behind the judge's chair is flanked by stiff and lifeless portraits of numerous mayors of Fulham, all of whom the artists have contrived with considerable ingenuity to make look like majors rather than human beings.

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Killing repugnant to God? he asks. But God so loved the world that He sent His only Son to the earth to be killed for humanity's sake. Moreover, in the last resort, by means of death He kills us all.

On and on the arguments go, settling nothing except that a number of young men who have expressed their conscientious objection to participating in the activities of the war machine are clutched into its mechanism.

Nearly always their bewildered incoherence is no match for the dialectical skill and frivolous ingenuity of the Tribunal.

Elbowed Out

An applicant gives a political basis for his objection. But, says the Tribunal, politics have nothing to do with conscience.

Are we, then, to believe that our rulers and representatives, elected under the democracy for which we are fighting, are professional cynics devoid of conscience and able like lawyers to adapt their political faiths to the most remunerative brief?

Occasionally Mr. A. B. Swales, the trade union member, rosy-faced, white-moustached, and rather reassuring, enters the debate with more good intent than success—his method of patient inquiry seems to be elbowed out by the debating society experts.

And what, in terms of figures, does this Tribunal achieve? In just over a month since its first sitting on October 3, 465 cases were heard by it.

Of the applicants 189 were ordered to do non-combatant service; 165 were exempted from fighting on condition that they did civilian work of national importance (many of them were already doing so); seven were unconditionally exempted; and 104 had their applications totally rejected.

To the applicants, at all events that must be an unsatisfactory state of affairs. The State itself will suffer too in further waste of time when the Appeals Tribunal has to hear many of these cases all over again.

Rough and Ready

Meanwhile, although the problem is one to try the wisdom and patience of angels, far more satisfactory results are being obtained in other courts.

I attended a sitting of the South-East of England Tribunal. Here the applicant's initial objection seemed to be accepted, and the Tribunal probed its depth by finding out what kind of job the man before them would be willing to do in wartime.

Falling second sight on the part of a judge, this seems to be the best rough-and-ready method. For since we are fighting for freedom, it is obvious that tolerance should be on the side of error rather than dragging unwilling people into an activity which they abhor.

Everyone Ought To Make a Will

A Solicitor Tells You How

WITHOUT wanting to be unduly gloomy, we must admit that in these days of possible black-outs life is even more precarious than usual.

Therefore if it was wise for every man and woman to make a Will in peace time, it is even more a duty now to see that your affairs are in reasonable order.

Practically everybody has something to leave if it's only some furniture or an insurance policy, and you will want to make sure that it goes to the proper person. If you have no Will the law will distribute your goods for you according to the rules of intestacy, but that may mean something very different from what you intended.

And that is especially true if you are a single man or woman—distant relatives whom you may not in the least care for roll up from the ends of the earth to share in your estate.

At the moment solicitors' offices are full of people who want Wills drafted, but not everyone has guineas to spare just now. But there is no grant difficulty about making a simple Will and if your affairs are not complicated you can do it perfectly well yourself.

For most of us, all we want to do is to say who is to have our bits of property and who is to look after our estate. You can do it like this. A Will must be in writing, but it may be in ink or pencil, typewritten or printed. It may be on any material, but most of us would use paper. There have been plenty of freak Wills made on such things as egg-shells, shirt-fronts, and photographs, and it is even said that some one is walking about with his Will

tattooed on his back, but such odd ideas merely cast doubt upon the sanity of the testator.

You can begin by saying "I, John Smith, of . . . hereby revoke all former Wills made by me and declare this to be my last Will."

Then go on to say as simply as possible what you want to do with your property. Avoid using any legal terms you may not fully understand—they may have some technical meaning which is not what you intend.

If you are leaving all your goods to your wife you will say "I give all my real and personal estate to my wife, Jane Smith." But if you are giving any special gifts to friends or relations they should be set out first.

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OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

Britain Becomes More Sober

LONDON, Jan. 6 (British Wireless).—Licensing authorities recently published by the Stationery Office reveal a remarkable decline both in the consumption of drink and convictions for drunkenness in Britain over the last quarter of a century.

Convictions for drunkenness per ten thousand of the population in 1913 were 5.10, and in 1933 1.31, which represents a fall of 2.40 per cent, compared with 1932.

Assassination Attempt

Serious View Of Shanghai Outrage

SHANGHAI, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—It is learned from well-informed quarters that a complete report of the attempted assassination of Mr. Godfrey Phillips, the British Secretary General of the Shanghai Municipal Council, is being submitted to members of the Consular body as well as other persons in authority.

A very serious view of the attack is reportedly being taken in the higher quarters locally, and it is not expected that the matter will be allowed to drop until the gunman is arrested and the whole case cleared up.

A very serious issue confronting the Settlement authorities is the flat denial of the Japanese gendarmes that they are detaining the three would-be assassins.

Settlement forces contend that the men are being held by the Japanese, but the latter say that they know nothing of the whole affair. It is expected that the whole case will be the subject of conversations between the various authorities at an early date.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says: This morning has proved the best Saturday's trading for some considerable time past. Docks again led the field, but they did not have it all to themselves. Hotels, Providents, Watsons, Trams, Cements and Telephones. New were amongst the followers. Sales were reported in Hongkong Banks at the improved rate of \$1,400.

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Russians Retreat Again: Finnish Gains Reported

Helsinki, Jan. 6.

The Finnish northern army has launched another lightning stroke at the cumbersome Red Army machine.

Russian forces are reported to be again in retreat, leaving 600 dead behind.—Reuter.

Karelian Isthmus

Helsinki, Jan. 6. Last night's Finnish communiqué reported fighting at several points on the Central Front and lively artillery activity on the Karelian Isthmus. It is reported that at a point some 130 miles north of Lake Ladoga, the Finns have advanced 12 miles across Soviet territory.

In the far north, in the Suomensalmi sector, large Soviet units are reported to have been defeated, while fighting on the Polar Front continues to be held up by extreme cold.—Reuter.

Artillery Activity

Helsinki, Jan. 6. A communiqué reported increased artillery activity on the Karelian Isthmus, while on the eastern front at Suomensalmi fighting is in progress in the direction of Rante. In minor engagements 11 tanks were captured and other war material. Taking advantage of the fine weather, Soviet aircraft carried out bombing raids over the central part and northern Finland. At Mikkele civilians, including women and children, were killed.

Finnish aircraft carried out numerous reconnaissance and bombing flights.—Reuter.

Russian Losses

Rovaniemi, Jan. 6. Informed private sources to-day said Finnish patrols have cut the Murmansk railways at least once opposite the Salla sector and also dynamited the line somewhere in the woods.

It is admitted that the Russians may have been able to repair the damage.

Reports said Finnish patrols are constantly operating behind the Russian border where the constant danger of sudden dynamiting operations causing irreparable damage is undoubtedly disorganising supply movements.

The recent Finnish victories have pushed the main lines of battle back to the Salla front only 32 miles from the Russian border. The full significance of the five quick Finnish victories on the north and central fronts is only now being realised. The whole Russian advance which reached as far as Kemijarvi has apparently been nullified.

For all practical purposes the Russians are still being held at Salla. It is estimated that the Russian losses during the crucial five days' fighting totalled between ten and twelve thousand killed which is more than half a division. It is estimated also that the entire Russian strength on this front is not more than one or two divisions.—United Press.

Reports From Moscow

Moscow, Jan. 6. A communiqué issued by the Headquarters of the Leningrad Military Area stated there were nothing important in all directions on January 5. It claimed in Petrozavodsk direction Soviet patrols annihilated an entire Finnish group of 50.—United Press.

Reuter adds that a number of successful raids by Soviet aviators on enemy reserves and military objectives were made. Ten enemy planes were brought down in aerial combat.

Soviet Raids

Helsinki, Jan. 6. Nine Soviet planes dropped 22 bombs on Volokhov-Kovoni railway between Helsinki and Viipuri, destroying ten houses and killing two people including a girl of 18 years old. In addition 15 women and one old man were injured.—United Press.

Finnish Aviator's Success

Helsinki, Jan. 6. What is claimed as one of the most remarkable feats of the war was accomplished by a Finnish aviator when he accounted for six out of nine Russian planes which raided Uusikaupunki north-east of the capital. Two other Russian aircraft were brought down in the same raid. The capital has been again without an air raid warning and life is steadily becoming normal. Thirty-two cinemas have been re-opened. To-day was the coldest day in Finland this winter. The temperature fell to 54 degrees of frost.—Reuter.

Russian Plans Ready

Helsinki, Jan. 6. There are many indications that the Russian Army commanders abandon the idea that Finland could be conquered in a short and sharp lightning war, wherefore they have started preparing for a long war. The decrease of heavy bombing during the past few days except at a few points is attributed to the fact the Russians used thousands of bombs last month for the bombing of over 60 different civilian centres throughout Finland, and that they must bring up fresh supplies of bombs over the clogged railways.—United Press.

Attack In Two Months

Helsinki, Jan. 6. Foreign military experts visiting here expressed the belief that Soviet forces would concentrate their attack on the Karelian Isthmus for two months hereafter. They pointed out that at present Soviet troops are continuing relentless artillery bombardment of the Mannerheim Line but otherwise only minor activity is seen at all other fronts.—Domet.

Exchange At A Glance

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T.T. Australia	10 1/2
BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3.5/32
4 m/s D/P Do.	1/3.9/32
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25
4 m/s France	11.40
30 d/a India	.84
U.S. Cross rate in London	.402
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	

Nazi-Soviet Trade Talks

Held Up For New Instructions

BERLIN, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—Although the Nazis continue to assert that trade talks with Soviet Russia are progressing satisfactorily, the head of the Nazi trade delegation to Moscow has returned for fresh instructions.

He is reported to have had a long conference with Herr von Ribbentrop, the Nazi Foreign Minister.

Two Major Problems

It is said that the two major problems for the Nazis are: 1.—How goods are to be transported; and 2.—How German industry, already severely strained, can fulfil Soviet orders, especially for such things as precision tools and instruments which are required quickly.

RUMANIAN-HUNGARIAN RELATIONS

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changed views on the general European situation.

"Once again they have been able to state with satisfaction that the foundation on which the friendship and close collaboration of the two countries rest is solid and secure, and that there exists a perfect identity of views between the two governments on all problems," the communiqué says.

The Ciano statement to the Press said that a perfect identity of views is shown not only on the political plane, but also on the moral plane on all European problems discussed. It is learned that Count Ciano is leaving for Rome during the day. Count Ciano is returning to Budapest to-morrow.

EIRE COUNCIL OF STATE TO MEET

DUBLIN, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—It is officially learned that the President of Eire, Dr. Hyde, has convened a meeting of the Council of State for to-morrow. He will consult the Council whether the Offences Against the State Bill, empowering the Government to intern people on suspicion, should be referred by him to the Supreme Court, asking if the Bill is "repugnant to the Constitution." This will be the first meeting of the Council of State, which has been purely a consultative body since it was established under the new Constitution in December, 1937.

POLITICAL STORM NOW BREWING

LONDON, Jan. 6 (UP).—There are signs here of a political storm brewing over Mr. Horre-Bellisha's resignation. It is expected that Mr. Chamberlain will be pressed to give a complete explanation of what is going on behind the scenes in the War Office when Parliament reconvenes on January 10 when Mr. Horre-Bellisha may also give his side of the question.

This afternoon's newspapers are agreed that the War Minister's quarrel with the British Army generals led to his resignation. "It has been freely stated that even Mr. Horre-Bellisha himself was amazed when on Thursday the Prime Minister suggested he should leave the War Office," says the conservative "Evening News."

The developments leading to the War Minister's departure are believed to have been sensational. The Liberal "Birmingham Gazette" led the demand for a Parliamentary investigation.

The general view seems to be based on the belief, first that Mr. Horre-Bellisha was thrown out of office at the demand of reactionary elements; second the result might be a storm to force a larger and more sensational change in the personnel of the Cabinet.

The anger voiced in the Press reflected the views of important political interests, the general public's bewilderment and a general feeling of uneasiness.

PEIPING INCIDENT SETTLED

Col. A. H. Turnage announced that the case of the American sentry who shot a Japanese soldier has been amicably settled—the sentry shooting in the line of duty.

It is stated that the shot broke a rib of the Japanese. The Japanese was on leave from the Fengtai garrison and was celebrating New Year, and was under the influence of liquor. Two American sentries observed the soldier climbing the wall. Four shots were fired, one hitting the Japanese.—United Press.

Incident Not Serious

Peiping, Jan. 7. It is learned that the incident involving a Japanese and a United States marine is likely to be settled amicably in the near future as it is regarded by neither side as serious. It appears that the Japanese was to blame and the United States marine, who was on sentry duty, was fully within his rights in firing.

The Japanese was only slightly wounded, the bullet glancing off his chest and not causing serious injury, contrary to the first Japanese reports that he was seriously hurt. It seems fairly well established that the Japanese was intoxicated at the time, but the official account of the incident has not yet been released.

The Japanese, who was in uniform, was shot on Thursday night when he broke into the quartermaster's compound of the American Embassy Guard and refused to stop when challenged by a marine sentry.—Reuter.

Turko-German Trade Talks

Resumption In Near Future?

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". ISTANBUL, Jan. 7 (Domet).—There are indications that the German-Turkish trade negotiations, which came to a standstill following the outbreak of the war, will be resumed.

Immediately after the outbreak of the European war, Turkey concluded contracts with British and French interests for the exclusive export of chrome to the Allies, amounting to 200,000 tons annually.

As a result, the trade negotiations between Germany and Turkey came to a deadlock. Turkey, however, has mostly depended on Germany in the past for the supply of daily necessities and, following the suspension of German imports, commodity prices in the country continue to rise.

Informed quarters point out that there is a section of opinion in the Turkish Government favouring a new trade agreement with Germany. If trade negotiations with Germany are resumed, it is believed Turkey will make some concessions to Germany in the export of chrome.

U.S. SHIP HELD AT GIBRALTAR

LONDON, Jan. 7 (British Wireless).—The United States Steamship, "Manitau," was detained at Gibraltar last night, the cargo was not covered by navicert.

The ship was released after an undertaking was given by the ship's agents that any suspicious cargo items would be held at British disposal.

American Loses His Watches

TWO BRITISH SOLDIERS are alleged in a report to the police to have been responsible for the theft of two watches from the residence of Mr. T. B. Wilson, 143 Waterloo Road. In a report to the police, Mr. Wilson states that the two soldiers, with whom he became acquainted during the New Year holidays, forced their way into his room at 2 a.m. yesterday. After he had elected them he found that the watches were missing.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Banks	1,400 n.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.)	284 1/2 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.)	280 1/2 n.
Chartered	8 1/2 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. E.	29 1/2 n.
Mercantile, C. E.	11 1/2 n.
East Asia	78 n.

INSURANCES	
Canton	205 b.
Union	440 b.
China Underwriter	114 s.
H.K. Fire	105 n.

SHIPPING	
Douglases	72 b.
Stamports	11 n.
Indo-China P.	100 b.
Indo-China Ds.	80 b.
Shell (Bearers)	80 n.
Waterbous	7 1/2 n.

DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves	102 n.
Docks	22.20/25.20 sa.
Providents	4.55/5.00 sa.
New Ent. Sh.	10.80 n.
Sh. Docks Sh.	214 n.

MINING	
Kailan s/-	17/0 n.
Raub	10.50 n.
Venz. Gold	4 n.
H.K. Mines	4 cts. n.

LANDS	
Hotels	600 n.
Land	33 1/2 b.
1 acre 4 1/2 Deb.	100 n.
Shai Lands Sh.	13 n.
Humphreys	8.00 n.
H.K. Realities	440 b.
Chinese Estates	101 n.

UTILITIES	
Trams	17.00 s.
Peak Trams (old)	8 n.
Peak Trams (new)	4 n.
Star Ferries	88 1/2 n.
Y. Ferries	23 1/2 b.
China Lights (old)	7.50 b. & sa.
China Lights (new)	4.80 n.
H.K. Electric	54.50 b.
Maeco Electric	18 n.
Sandakan Lights	11.25 b.
Telephones (old)	24.80 b.
Telephones (new)	9.30 b.
Tractions	18.3 n.
Tractions (Prof.)	18/0 n.

INDUSTRIALS	
Cald. Maeg. (Ord.)	14.90 n.
Cald. Maeg. (Pref.)	13 n.
Canton Ice	1 n.
Cements	17.85/18.00 sa.
H.K. Ropes	600 n.

STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms (old)	22.10 b.
Dairy Farms (new)	21 1/4 b.
Watsons	0.00 b.
Lane, Crawford	7 1/2 n.
Sinceres	1.80 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	41 n.
Powell, Ltd.	1 n.

COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh.	20.75 n.
Shai Cotton Sh.	150 n.
Zong Sing, Sh.	44 n.
Woong On Textiles, Sh.	40 1/2 n.

MISC.	
H.K. Entertainments	0.04 b.
Constructions (old)	1.75 b.
Constructions (new)	1 n.
Vibro Piling	8 1/2 n.
Ch. G. 4 1/2	192 s.
G. Bonds	48 n.
H.K. Govt. 4 1/2 Loan	100 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2 Loan	0.75 n.
Marsmans (Lon.)	15 n.
Marsmans (H.K.)	4 n.

AUSTRALIA IS GROWING UP

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (UP).—The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, announces that United States diplomatic relations have been established with Australia by the appointment of the Australian Minister of Supply, Mr. Richard Casey, as first Australian Minister to Washington. The United States Minister to Canberra will be announced shortly.

The Past Students of Wah Yan College held a successful "At Home" by courtesy of the Rev. Fr. Rector of the College, at their Alma Mater on last Saturday. Those present were V. Rev. R. W. Gallagher S.J., headmaster of the College, Messrs. Lim Hoy-lan, headmaster of Wah Yan College, Kowloon, and Yee Fook-sun, President, Rev. T. F. Ryan S.J., Rev. A. Conroy S.J., Rev. H. E. Craig S.J., many others of the teaching staff and a large number of the members of their Association.

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PHOTONEWS

THIS IS HOW TO DEAL WITH WATER



Army sappers gave a convincing demonstration of their methods of dealing with water at a military engineering school in England. Above, you see them, undeterred by the difficulties, advancing "at the double" to construct a pontoon bridge.

INSIDE GERMANY

Will Soon be "Sold Out"

MANY German shops will be forced to close down after the New Year rush which has just ended. The seasonal buying wave, restricted though it is by severe rationing and scarcity of money, has cleared them of their meagre supplies, which in many cases it will be impossible to replace.

This is not wishful thinking. It is candidly stated by Herr Joseph Winkeln, a leading German economic expert.

Serious Losses

Even the most blustering Nazi newspapers are forced to admit the grim realities of economic warfare. Herr Winkeln puts it in the plainest language.

Writing in the Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, he says:

"It now becomes necessary to realize that the economic war is getting more and more serious, and if it continues much longer the losses will be higher than on the military front."

No Replacement

"It would be definitely wrong to live in a world of illusion. The trade groups will be the first to be mowed down."

"Christmas trade results in a rapid selling out of shops, and it will no longer be possible to replace their goods, or only in very small quantities."

"Now that the motor car trade and petrol filling stations have been compelled to go out of business most of the shops will be obliged to do likewise immediately after Christmas, and it will have to be left to them to decide whether they will liquidate at once or gradually, which means they must decide how much of their capital they are prepared to go on losing."

Rations First

"The German tradesman is playing an important political game. Unluckily, it is a fact that the customer considers his portion of meat and his ration card as of more importance than the present war and war aims, and freely expresses his misgivings in the shop."

"Thus the tradesman is rendering a national service in endeavouring to quieten these dissatisfied people."

"On the other hand, the trade realizes that the State cannot grant them any subsidy and that they must find means of helping themselves."

Newsreels of the Queen seized

A NEWSREEL version of the Queen's recent broadcast to the women of the Empire has been withdrawn from circulation.

Girl From Spain Finds Clue To Parents

A MILLION-TO-ONE coincidence may decide the fate of nine-year-old Elisa Iturrade.

Elisa went to Bristol three years ago as a Spanish war refugee from Bilbao.

After the war she remained unclaimed. Mr. and Mrs. T. Reed, of Queen-parade, Bristol, became her kind foster-parents.

Recently Mrs. Reed heard that a Spanish ship had docked at Bristol.

"I showed the captain," she said, "an envelope which had on it the last address we had of Elisa's parents."

"He said, 'I come from there.' I took out of my handbag a photograph of Elisa in a family group."

"Pointing excitedly to the mother he said, 'That is Elisa Maza. I remember her well.'"

"Maza was the mother's maiden name. She had worked for the captain's sister-in-law."

Elisa had ten in the captain's cabin. He is going to write to his wife, who will search the town to find Elisa's mother.

And a message from Elisa will be in the letter.

Decision to hold up the film was made so late that copies for circulation throughout the world had left the laboratories in London.

It was stated—in a Wealdour-street that ships and a flying-boat leaving England were stopped and searched by officials and some of the reels they carried were seized and confiscated.

It took some time to find the reels. Police officers searched a railway station and a train arriving at a port, but could not trace them.

The decision to stop the films going abroad was made because it was held necessary to make certain essential additions to the film of the Queen at the microphone.

The official view was that the introduction to the screen broadcast was too abrupt and would not do justice to the Queen in Empire and neutral countries.

Copies of this version of the reel have also been withdrawn from provincial circulation.

As soon as the essential additions have been made the film will be released again. The new reel will be in time to catch the next outgoing batch of ships.

The King and Queen saw a news-reel version of the Queen's broadcast at the Leicester-square Cinema when they went together to see the propaganda film "The Lion Has Wings."

INDIAN FRONTIER

Reports Of Disorders Said Unfounded

London, Jan. 6. German "wishful thinking" is again displayed in persistent attempts to persuade themselves that the Indian North-West Frontier is extremely disturbed, and especially that Waziristan is the scene of a serious outbreak.

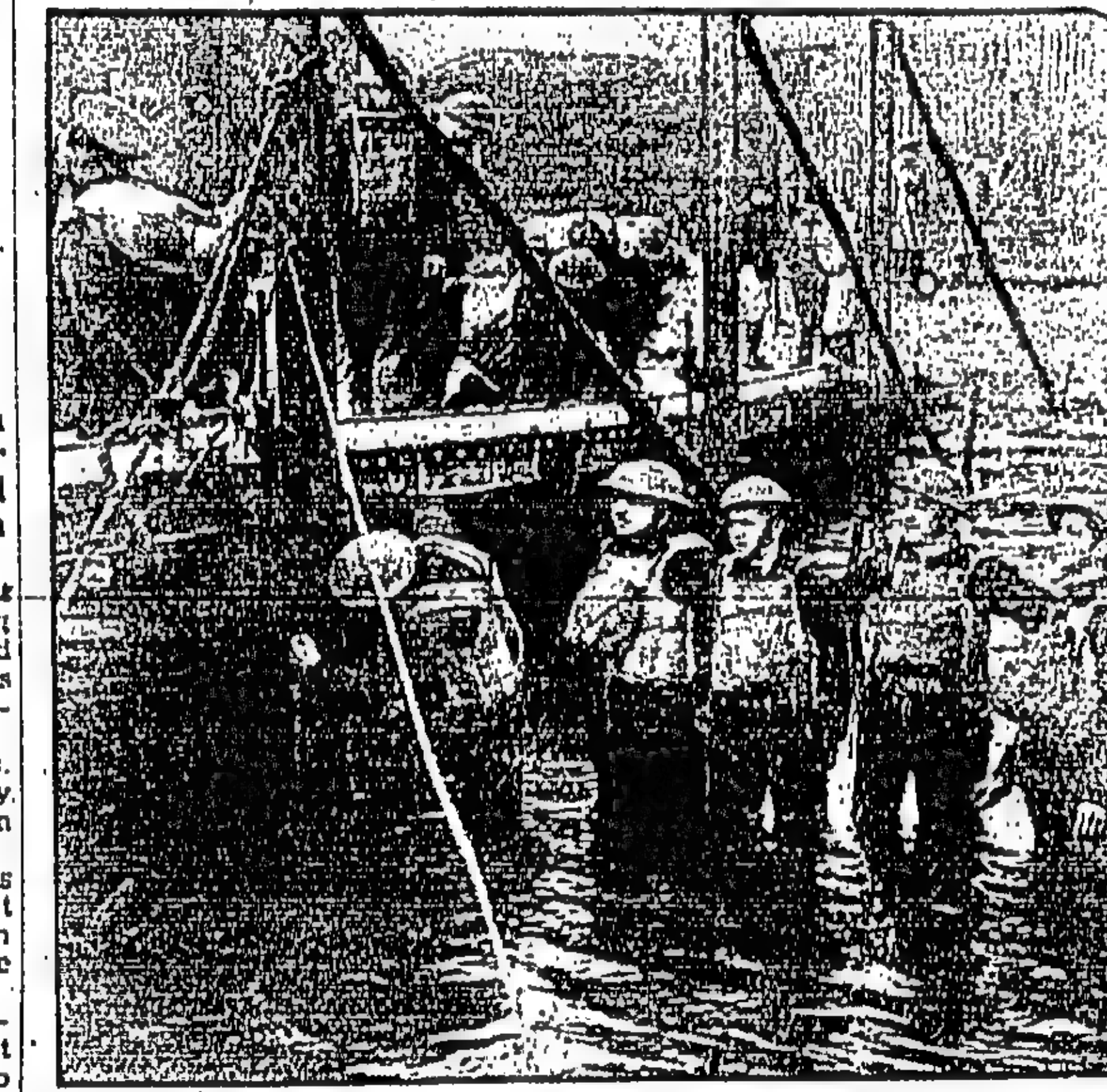
"As a matter of fact," says The Times, "Waziristan is less troubled than it was early last year and although there have been some cases of kidnapping, brigandage and sabotage, they have not given the Indian authorities any grounds for anxiety. Agitation of the embroiled section of the Afridis with the Afghan Government has been defeated by joint British-Afghan action and the rest of the frontier is quiet."

There have been no military engagements on the North-West frontier of India since the beginning of the war.

For some time previous to the outbreak of war, there had been disturbances in Waziristan caused by the followers of the Fakir of Ipi, but since then this has been confined chiefly to small acts of sabotage.

The other areas are peaceful.—Reuter Bulletin.

The sappers fording an Army lorry across a stretch of water on a heavy pontoon raft.



PROFESSOR GIVES UP CAREER FOR SON

DR. LUCY NAISH, Professor of Osteology at Sheffield University for twenty years, has resigned her post and sacrificed a brilliant career to nurse her twenty-seven-year-old invalid son who has been evacuated to North Wales.

Her husband, Dr. A. E. Naish, has been connected with the university for more than thirty years. He was formerly professor of medicine there.

Dr. Lucy Naish is regarded as one of the most brilliant lecturers in her subject in the country.

They will live in a flat at Mill End, Staines.

"I am a widower," said Thomas Rouse last night. "I want to know what is going on in this war. Mrs. Williamson has at many evenings reading the paper to me and it has brought great pleasure into my life. So now we are marrying!"

Murder Plea Of Second Personality

DR. LEONARD PHIPPS LOCKHART (41), on whose behalf a defence of "unconscious action" or "dissociated personality" had been advanced, was at Nottingham Assizes recently, found guilty but insane on a charge of the murder of his wife at their home at Beeston, Nottingham.

It's not set to music yet, but it's the same Hymn of Hate

HITLER has ordered the whole of the Nazi Press to join in a chorus of hate against Britain. But not a word is said of France.

This is the same technique as in 1915, when Ernst Lissauer wrote the notorious "Hymn of Hate."

This was the last verse of it:

What care we for Russian or French? Blow against blow, and shock against shock, We fight the fight with bronze and steel, And carve a peace for ever and aye.

There will we hate with a lasting hate, We will not abate from our hate, Hate by water and hate by land, Hate of the head and hate of the hand.

Hate of the workers and hate of the crowned, Throbbing hate of seventy millions, One in their love and one in their hate, They have all but one single, only foe: ENGLAND!

Eire Orders 50-Knot Patrol Boats

A Southampton firm, it was announced recently has a contract to build pocket warships for a small, swift fleet which the Government of Eire is forming to guard territorial waters.

Orders now being placed total £250,000 for motor torpedo-boats capable of 50 knots and other types of fast armed patrol craft.

And they seem quite unconcerned at the prospect of standing-at-ease in the water while awaiting further instructions.

WEDS FOR WAR NEWS

THOMAS ROUSE, aged 79, of Links-road, Ashford, Middlesex, cannot read or write, so he is getting married to hear the war news.

His bride-to-be, Mrs. Lillian Williamson, a widow of 60, is the only one of his acquaintance who has the time to read war news to him, he said.

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Legionnaires In High Posts

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UP)—Three former state commanders of the American Legion in Tennessee now occupy high state posts. They are: Gov. Prentice Cooper, Legion commander in 1931; Major Tom E. Morris state safety director, commander in 1937; and R. G. Turner, director of the state game and fish division, commander in 1934.

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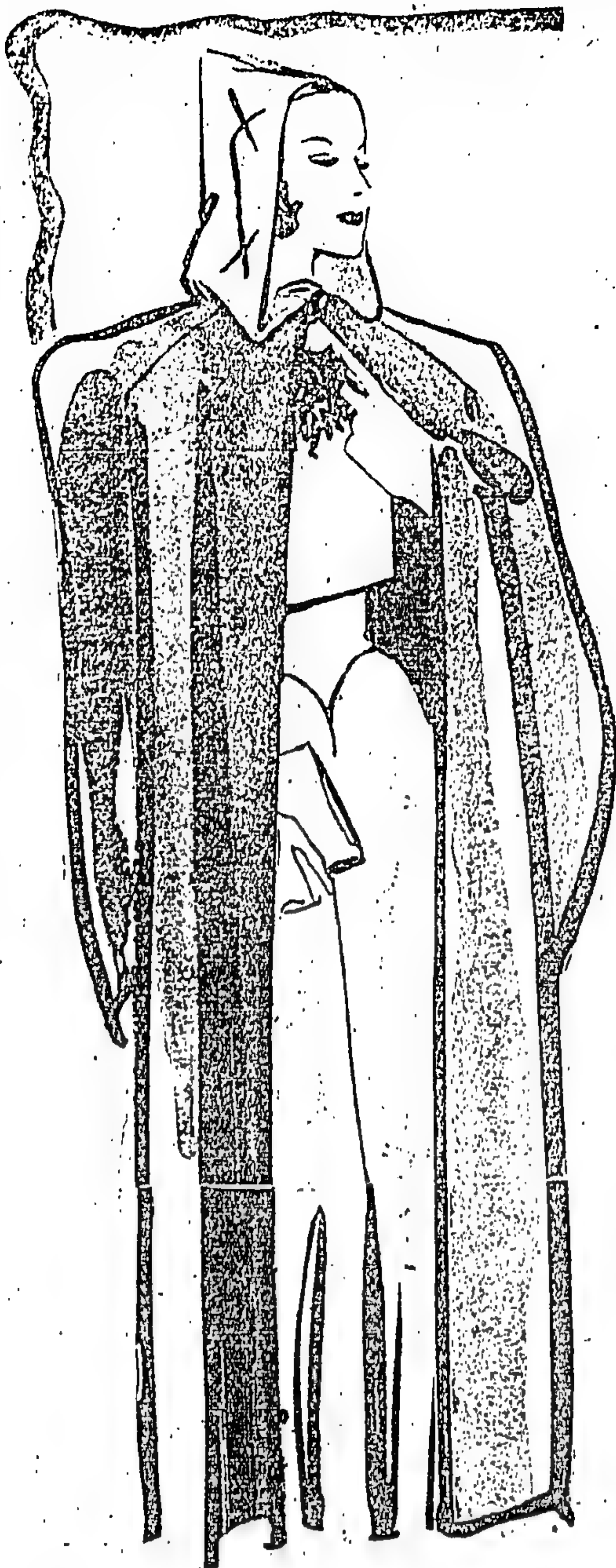
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Here is the basic pattern of a face-framing hood; I can think of at least a dozen ways to make it. Make it in oiled silk for rainy days; in velvet to slither to your evening coat; in fur-cloth to give your suit a new lease of life; in bright jersey to wear with a tweed coat; in soft wool for your dressing gown in case the sirens go in the night. No end to its uses, and when you don't want it on your head it lies flatly at the back.

So learn the diagram by heart and get going. You can make the hood of single material or double (in which case you need twice as much, of course). For a single-thickness hood you want a piece of material

23½ inches by 17 inches. It's a smart idea to make the lining of a contrasting colour.

Cut it out in newspaper first; then use that as a pattern to cut the material, taking care to put the side marked "14in." on the fold, and to cut two pieces if you want the hood lined.

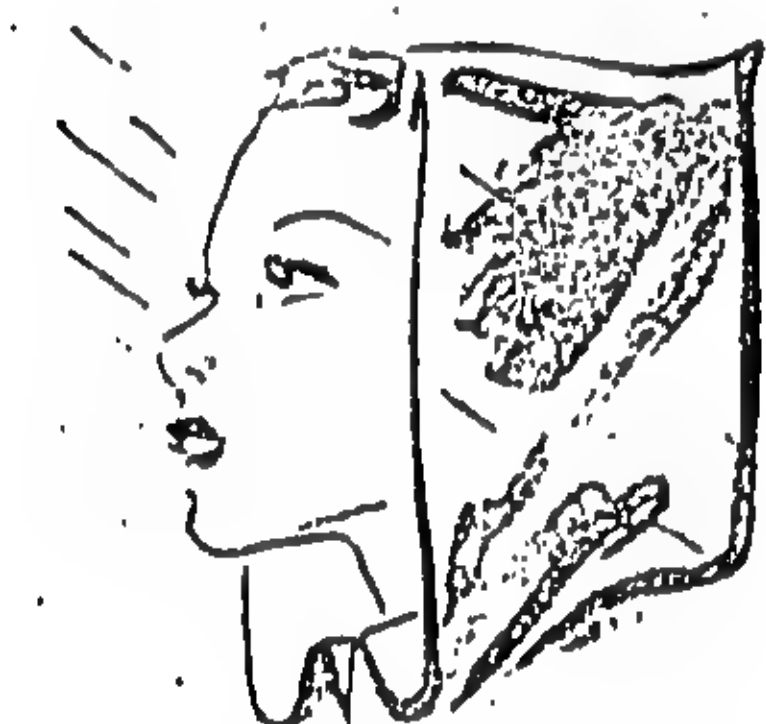
Join the top seam of the hood and the same seam of the lining, then press. With right sides together, seam the lining to the hood, leaving the short curved edge open. Turn and press. (If you are using very thick material or oiled silk and do not want to line it, hem and bind the edge neatly on the wrong side.)

Then you can sew the hood to a coat or dressing gown—or not—just as you like.

If you want to attach it to a coat stitch the hood to the neckline on the outside, right sides facing. Then stitch a strip of bias binding to the lining of the hood and slip-stitch down to the inside of the neck.

If you make the hood of oiled silk or fur cloth you may not want to attach it permanently to a coat. So finish the lower edge with a band, fastening with a button, or if you have material to spare make a narrow scarf, sew to the bottom of the hood, and tie in front.

Here is a pale blue velvet hood on dark brown or dark red velvet evening coat. If your coat is black, try ruby or emerald velvet. Don't worry if you can't find a match for your coat; a contrast is smarter.



Chutney Hints And Recipes

A WELL-STOCKED chutney shelf will add interest to many meals. A good chutney should be smooth to the palate, and have a mellow flavour. To obtain successful results, the ingredients should be cut up finely, and the cooking done slowly. Also, as the mixture is thick, very frequent stirring is necessary.

During the making, nothing metallic should be allowed to touch the chutney, as it gives an unpleasant flavour. A wooden spoon, a hair sieve, and an enamel-lined or aluminium pan should be used. The brass or copper preserving pan is entirely unsuitable for such a strong acid mixture.

Tomato Chutney

Tomato chutney is a primo favourite. This recipe is made without sugar, which some may prefer at this time.

Take 3½ lbs tomatoes, ½ lb apples, 1 dessertspoon curry powder, ½ lb sultanas, ½ teaspoon cayenne, 4 onions (medium size), 2 tablespoons mustard, 1 teaspoon each allspice, cloves, chillies, 1 lb golden syrup, 1 quart vinegar, salt.

Slice the tomatoes and onions and sprinkle lightly with salt. Stand for 12 hours. Put the vinegar, syrup, mustard, and spices into a saucepan, and bring to the boil. Take the tomatoes, onions, apples, and sultanas, and put through a mincing machine, putting apples through last, so that they will force the softer ingredients through.

Add to the boiling mixture and boil ½ hour till mixture is soft. Pour into jars. When cold tie down with greaseproof paper to make air-tight.

An Easily-Made Variety

6 lbs tomatoes, 4 onions, 4 lbs apples, ½ oz pepper, 2 teaspoons dry mustard, 12 ozs brown sugar, ½ teaspoon ground ginger, 3 ozs sultanas, 1 quart vinegar, 1 packet pickling spice.

Peel onions and apples, put all vegetables through mincing machine. Place in pan, with all the other ingredients, bring to the boil, stirring till sugar has dissolved, then simmer gently till tomatoes and apples are tender (¾ hour); stir frequently.

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"If Tommy has his wife with him, we shall be only too glad to meet her," said the Mayor.

Half a Loaf...

...you know the rest, but a piece of stale bread still isn't exactly inspiring. But, with economy, the keyword in the kitchen, we have to know how to make the best use of it. Here are one or two ideas that may be new to you.

Soak ½ lb. stale bread in water for twenty-four hours, squeeze dry, beat up and add 4 oz. brown sugar, 2 oz. sultanas, ½ oz. chopped mixed peel, half teaspoonful mixed spice, one beaten egg and a few drops of flavouring, if liked. Beat well together, drop dessertspoonfuls into flour, roll, and fry in shallow fat slowly, browning both sides. Serve with custard or white sauce.

Or put your remnants of bread in a tin pan and dry in a very cool oven for several hours. When thoroughly dry, pound, and you have rusk crumbs which can be used in many ways—to help use up cold meat, for instance. Chop the meat finely, season well, and mix with an egg. Either mix with breadcrumbs and bake in the oven, or make into balls and fry in deep fat.

Another way: Crumble stale bread fine, mix with an egg and a little milk, and coat some small-peeled apples with it. Tie in small cloths and boil as for dumplings.

Eat More Carrots

CARROTS are in one direction a substitute for yellow "country" butter. Both contain carotene, the substance used by the sun to produce vitamin A. Like all vegetables, carrots are most valuable when eaten raw. They can be grated finely and used to give a piquant flavour to sandwiches and salads. In the same form they make a good last-minute addition to soups, broths, and stews.

Steaming and stewing are the best methods of cooking them. To diet without breaking the skin and place them in a patent steamer, a porringer or a jam jar in a pan of boiling water. They will take from forty minutes to an hour, according to age, size, and the volume of steam. Take them out and rub off the skins, preferably with a "glove" pan scourer. Sprinkle with pepper and salt, reheat, and serve.

To stew, pare thinly, halve or quarter if large, and cook gently in a little water or vegetable stock. When they are tender (in about half an hour to three-quarters) add seasonings to taste and a nut of margarine. Blend a little cornflour with cold water, stir into the liquor, and boil up quickly, first removing the carrots and keeping them hot. Pour the sauce over them, and sprinkle with finely chopped parsley.

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Date And Apple Cake

No sugar is required, and only 4 ozs of margarine. Beat this with 6 ozs of golden syrup and add half a pint of cold apple sauce (unsweetened).

In a bowl mix together 4 ozs each of flour and wholemeal breadcrumbs, half a teaspoonful of baking-soda, by all the inhabitants. People have offered their hospitality, their houses and their cars, and have promised to give the warmest of welcomes to their guests.

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The offer, which was made under the patronage of the Mayor of Nice, has been welcomed with enthusiasm by all the inhabitants. People have offered their hospitality, their houses and their cars, and have promised to give the warmest of welcomes to their guests.

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LEAGUE OF HEALTH

"Your League welcomes women of all classes, all creeds, and all races within its ranks, and this is important because in the last few years we have seen a steady deterioration in such an attitude to human society," declared Mrs. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, when speaking at the first outdoor demonstration of the League of Health at the South China Athletic Stadium, Caroline Hill, yesterday.

Over 50 women took part in the excellent programme which was held in brilliant sunshine under the direction and leadership of Miss Mavis Ming.

Mrs. Selwyn-Clarke said in part: "You have taken a great step, particularly in relation to the social conditions in the Far East, in organising yourselves voluntarily for the purpose of maintaining and improving your health. A healthy body is the first necessity for those who intend to play a useful part in the community, and this fact is not recognised widely enough. But in your recognition of this fact, you have not isolated yourself from the community but have taken further steps which are of political and social significance."

In Europe in the last 10 years we have seen a barbarous persecution of a people because of their race and religion and it is our duty as women and as civilised human beings to do all we can to oppose such treatment. Further, in the last few years we have seen the growth of nationalism in the West and in the East to such a point that the outcome has been war. But your League links you in an international organisation of women who are not only bound to spread the cult of health but in doing this, they are also bound to recognise the necessity of international co-operation.

Need of the Masses
You will appreciate that we all who are here are the privileged few—that the members of your League in all countries are fortunate in being able to pursue health through your organisation. But the great need of the mass of women in all countries and especially in Hongkong and the Far East is not exercise but the essentials of life-shelter and clothing, and food to protect them from disease. I cannot give you the figures for China, but in Hongkong our death rate from infant mortality and tuberculosis, is six or seven times greater than in Britain. What is the reason? Poverty, low wages rates and lack of social services. Until the last decade there had been a slow but steady growth throughout the world of the ideals of international order, of equality of races and of human beings, of cultural opportunity for all. Governments have not always given expression to these ideals but they have formed the basic philosophy of the mass of the people in all countries. To-day, however, we are facing in Nazism the negation of these beliefs and the substitution of military dictatorship.

Here in Hongkong we are involved in the struggle in the East as well as in the West. In Hongkong there are organisations for the assisting of China and for help to Great Britain. I am sure that every one of you will appreciate that you are not giving full expression to the ideals of your League unless you take an active part in the struggle against aggression. Similarly, I believe that you are content that your League of Health should not be available to all and that poverty should be allowed

ITALIAN POLICIES

Hungarian Diplomat On Way To Venice

Venice, Jan. 6.
Count Ciano has arrived here to confer with Count Stephen Czak, Hungarian Foreign Minister.

According to authoritative sources, they will discuss first the situation caused by the German-Soviet occupation of Poland which creates a Hungarian-Soviet frontier, secondly, the Hungarian-Hungarian relation which is regarded as forming the principal stumbling block for general neutrality in Balkan and Danubian countries, third co-operation between Hungary and Yugoslavia whose relations are believed to be improving and possibly to enable a tripartite treaty with Italy, Hungary and Yugoslavia as signatories, and fourth, general problems resulting from the war.

Signor Gayda, in the *Giornale d'Italia*, says the Ciano-Czak talks at Venice were based on the following points; firstly, that there was a state of war existing with the great powers bordering the Danubian-Balkan zone; secondly, the attitude of the Danubian-Balkan nations in the face of war problems; thirdly, the reciprocal relations of these nations relative to war and peace; and, fourthly, the appearance of a new Russian Communist active policy on the frontiers of some of these states.

Referring to the relations between Russia and Danubian-Balkan Europe, Signor Gayda said, "Italy has no aggressive plans towards Russia. Italy only intends halting the expansion of Communism. It is a threat to European order."—*United Press*.

Rapid Progress Made

Venice, Jan. 7.
It is understood that Count Ciano is already satisfied with his talks with Count Czak.

Count Ciano will probably return to Rome by air to-morrow to report personally to Signor Mussolini.—*Reuter*.

New Balkan Bloc

Venice, Jan. 7.
Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, on Saturday morning and afternoon held conversations with the visiting Hungarian Foreign Minister, Count Czak.

It is understood that during the conversations various phases of the current European situation including the Balkan issue were discussed.

Informed quarters understand that an important topic at the conversations was the proposed organization of a new Balkan bloc under Italy's leadership.—*Domei*.

to exclude from its benefits the majority of women.

The programme started with the members marching on to the stadium to music which was broadcast. Miss Elvye Yuen sang the entrance march, "Marching Feet," at the microphone. The exercises were presented in three sections, elementary, medium and advanced. An exhibition of ball games for posture was also given by students from the St. Paul's Girls' College.

Hundreds of persons were present to watch the demonstration. Proceeds are to be given to the Chinese Industrial Co-operatives.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

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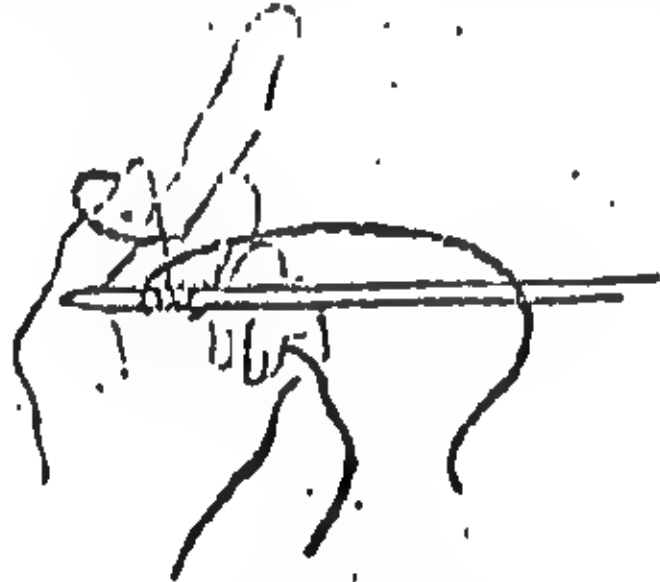
KNITTING NOTION

KNITTING instructions often say, "knit into the backs of the cast-on stitches." But working into the backs of a tight cast-on row is an irritating business.

Here is a way you get a firm straight edge immediately you cast on.

Make your initial loop with a knot and leave a long end.

Hold your needle (only one is used) in the right hand, with the wool from the ball over your finger in the ordinary way. Now twist the long end of wool round your thumb as shown in the drawing, put the needle between the wool and the thumb (you can see how in the sketch) and knit the stitch on to the needle. Twist again, and knit another stitch on to the needle. Pull each separate stitch taut.



Germans 'Doubling' Butter

GERMANS are to have twice as much butter as Britain's proposed ration—according to Berlin.

The official News Agency has announced that food rations are to be "considerably" increased because of the German food supply position.

In particular, the butter ration would be increased, it was stated. In some cases it would be almost doubled.

The existing German butter ration is 4oz., the same as that planned for Britain.

Recently Herr Himmler's paper *Schwarze Corps* admitted: "It would be wrong to maintain that the British blockade is not affecting us, and that it is not effective."

Germans, it was stated, could only get one egg a week now, where previously they had five.

"The other four have been stolen by England, and the same applies to the shortage of butter and other food-stuffs."

The German announcement would, therefore, appear to be only propaganda.

FOOT CARE

CHILDREN between the ages of 5 to 10 are at a critical period of their lives as regards feet.

This is the contention of the New York Podiatry Society, which declares that most foot ailments of adult life can be traced to improper and insufficient care after childish ailments.

Frequently after illness children are all too anxious to dash about. The result is that softened foot muscles and tissues are overworked before they have had time to get back their natural tone.

According to this authority only four persons in ten have sound feet. The Society gives some practical advice on how to ensure freedom from foot troubles both for children and adults. First, shoes must fit snugly at the heel and roomy at the toes. Socks or stockings must be fresh—a pair a day is recommended.

Moreover socks and stockings should be neither too loose nor too tight. These experts would banish darning altogether. The next best thing is to see that darns are not lumpy or bobbly.

Blisters must be attended to at once. For these the feet should be bathed in hot and cold water and thoroughly dried and well powdered. Toenails must be attended to with as scrupulous regularity as fingernails.

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HELPING BRITAIN TO NAIL LIES BROADCAST FROM GERMANY

By A Radio Correspondent

BRITAIN'S broadcasting interception service, which picks up 250,000 words daily from radio stations in all parts of the world, is about to be remodelled to meet the growing demands on it from official quarters.

Hospital Ship Hotel Comforts

AT A CHANNEL PORT. COMFORTS provided for the wounded were shown me when I inspected a British hospital ship and a train—one of a fleet—in which the men will be taken to distant hospitals.

The ship, officially a hospital carrier, was formerly on a passenger service. Now her staterooms are wards, sick beds line the promenade deck, and where old soldiers swapped yarns in the past war is now the dressing room for walking casualties. Large red crosses, including one on the funnel, show her mission to any lurking U-boat menace.

Wooden ramps enable stretchers to be carried aboard and taken to the wards with the minimum of discomfort to the patients of the ship.

Speed With Comfort

On arrival at port from France, the stretchers are carried to a large shed, where refreshments are provided from a canteen run by the "Silver Lady," whose work for London down-and-out is well known.

Then the wounded are taken to an ambulance train—quite a number of them—where they can be cleared and the train, two to each ship, sent on their way.

The coaches, which are actually wards, hold 38 wounded on their three high, or can be converted to hold between 40 and 50 sitting cases.

Three-course Lunch

More meals on the train—eggs and bacon, if it is a breakfast-time start, and a three-course lunch later.

At final word, despite rumours there have, as yet, been no wounded. These hospital carriers and trains have been used for accident cases and other sickness.

Check On Nazi Lies

"Government departments have been most generous in their praise of the work which we are doing," Sir Stephen Tallent, of the B.B.C., told me yesterday.

"We use the service ourselves to keep check on foreign propaganda. Sometimes we can broadcast an official denial of some lie within any hour of having picked it up."

"We know that the Germans are running a similar listening-post, because they sometimes quote our broadcasts. Only recently they made great play of an inaccuracy of translation."

B.B.C. men are shortly to launch a nation-wide inquiry into the effect of German radio propaganda on British listeners.

They will endeavour to find out: How many people listen to German propaganda broadcasts; how many listen because they believe it, and how many for amusement.

Lord Haw-Haw, Comedian

A B.B.C. official said the general impression was that people listened because they found it amusing.

"We have even considered that on their entertainment value we might record some of the broadcasts from Germany and include them in our own programmes," I was told.

"Despite threats of the death penalty, confiscation of goods and so on, there is evidence that in Germany many still listen to the B.B.C.'s broadcasts in German."

At the moment the chief Nazi broadcasts in English are: Zeeman on 31.45 metres at 8.15 p.m., and Hamburg on 33.1 metres at 9.10 p.m.

JUDGE INSPECTS £425 ANKLE

After inspecting the ankle of a hosiery worker, and hearing the evidence, Mr. Justice Singleton awarded her £425 damages (including £160 for lost wages) at Notts Assizes.

It was stated that the girl, Miss Olive Brown, of Main Street, Horsley Woodhouse, had to postpone her wedding because of an accident, which occurred while she and Mr. Bernard Garner, of Langley Mill, were walking.

Her leg was broken when she was knocked down and Mr. N. Robinson (for plaintiff) said that the bone had "set in a way that must have been very upsetting in these days of short skirts."

Mr. Garner was also awarded agreed damages of £70.

LATE NEWS

DOG STAYED BY KNIGHT AND WIFE SHOT IN WOOD

PETERSFIELD.

SIR WILLIAM REID, former Acting-Governor of Assam, and his wife, who had lived quietly at Durdur Wood for about 12 years, taking little part in social activities though they had many friends, have been found shot in a wood near their house.

Judy, their pet spaniel, was crouching near the bodies. It had kept foodless vigil for nearly 48 hours.

A 12-bore sporting gun was found beside them. Lady Reid had a wound in the left side of her face. Sir William had been shot through the heart.

Police Search

Before the discovery, at a spot rarely visited, West Sussex and Hampshire police combed the countryside. Search began after Sir William and his wife failed to return

from their usual woodland walk that Tuesday afternoon. They had left the house, with Judy, about 4 p.m. At lunch time they were apparently as usual.

Sir William, a member of the Indian Civil Service for 35 years, retired in 1926. He was 68.

He married in 1906 Miss Beatrice Marion Edwards, daughter of the late J. Hyde Edwards, of the Isle of Wight. Lady Reid was 61.

Took Ring To Court

A YOUNG couple who were married at Edmonton on Christmas Day bought a wedding ring on their way to obtain the Court's permission to marry.

"Just a sign of optimism which turned out to be right," said the bridegroom-to-be, Mr. Hubert Hobbs (22), of Windmill Road, Edmonton.

His sweetheart Miss Ethel Frances Cunningham (20), of Huxley Road, Edmonton, said:

"To-day is the first anniversary of our engagement."

"Bert may be called up for the Army soon, I would like to have a few months of married life with him before he goes away."

"I am quite old enough to know my own mind, and I know we shall be happy."

At Tottenham police court the marriage was opposed by the girl's mother, Mrs. Ethel Cunningham, of Leyburn Road, Edmonton.

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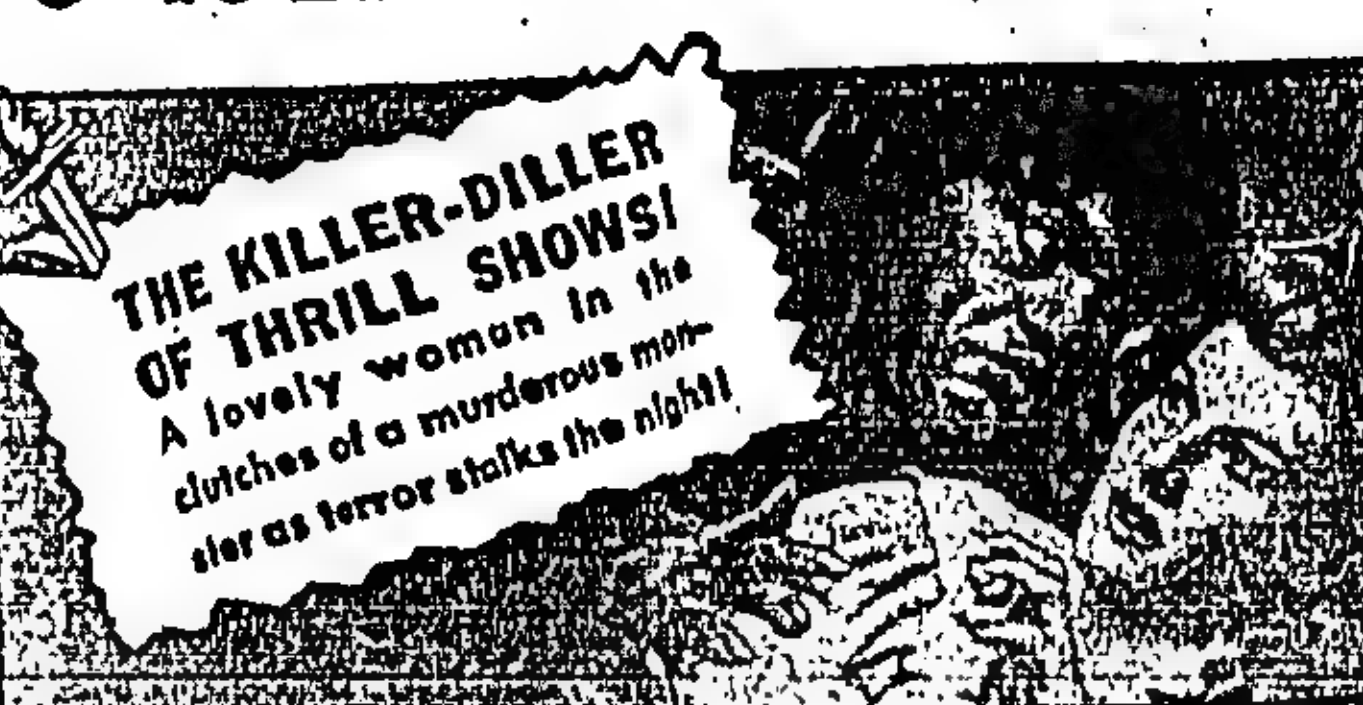


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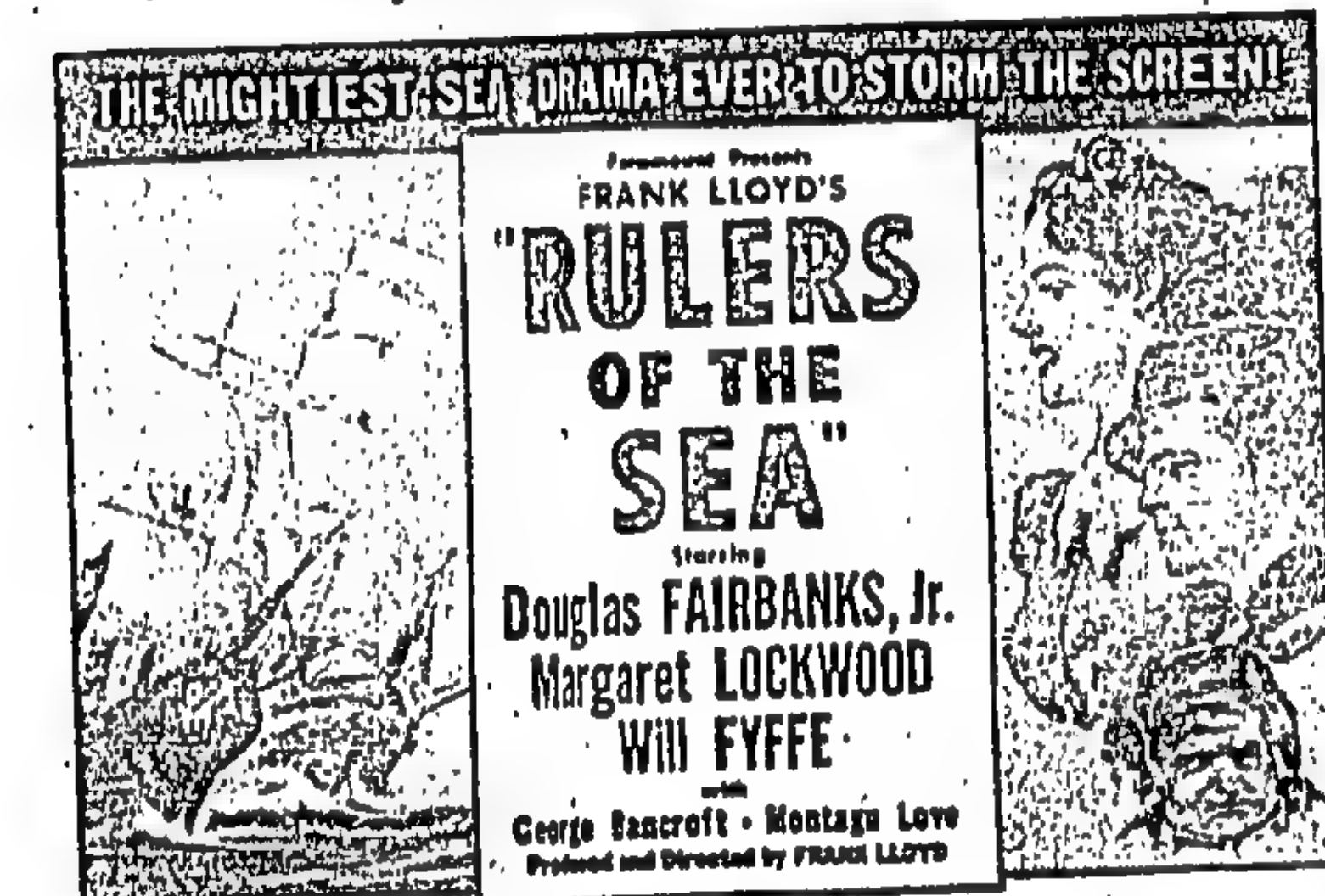
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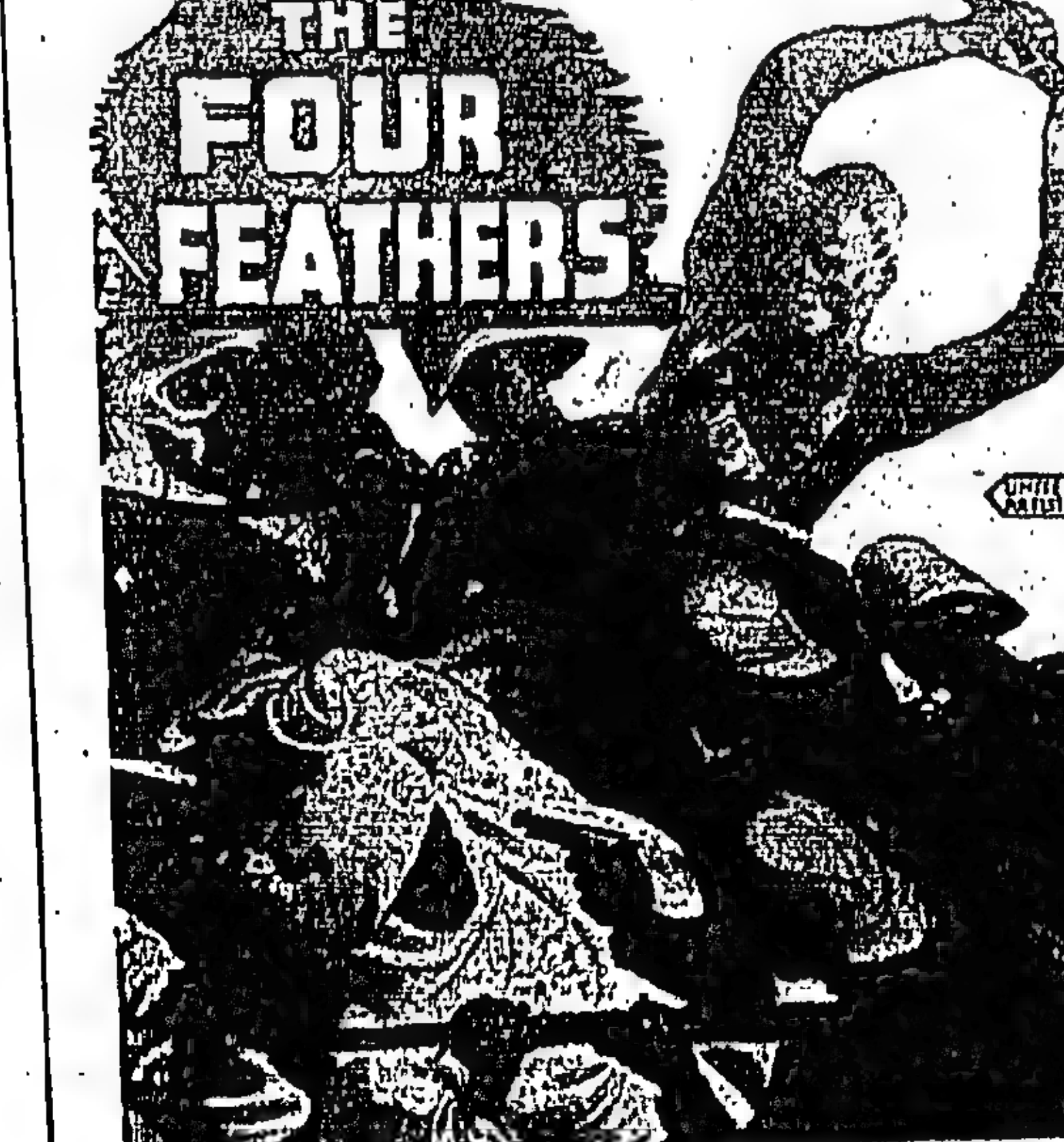
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MOTOR NEWS



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YESTERDAY, the war between China and Japan was 2 1/2 years old. With the exception of the Spanish-Civil War, which lasted 1,000 days, it is the longest war the world has known since 1914-18, and may well exceed that war in length unless Japan capitulates. Here are some facts about

2 1/2 Years of War in China

1937
July 7—War began with a brush between Japanese and Chinese soldiers near Peking.
July 30—Japanese completely controlled Peking and Tientsin.
August 11—Japanese Fleet arrived at Shanghai.
August 13—Fighting began in Shanghai.
November 12—Japanese won Shanghai battle.
December 13—Nanking, China's capital fell.
1938
April 14—China won her greatest victory—at Taierch-wang.
October 21—Japanese entered Canton.
October 25—Japanese entered Hankow.
1939
March 27—Japanese entered Nanchang.
June 21—Japanese seized port of Swatow.
Nov. 12—Japanese seized Pak-hoi.
Dec. 2—Japanese seized Nanking.

"INCIDENTS"

With Britain.—In August, 1937, Japanese planes attacked the car of Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen, then British Ambassador in China. Sir Hugh, who was severely wounded, was taken to the hospital. In December, 1937, Japanese planes bombed and sank the American gunboat Panay in the Yangtze.
With France.—Early this year the Japanese occupied Hainan Island, threatening French Indo-China.
With Russia.—In August, 1938, Japanese and Russian forces clashed at Changkufeng. Now they are fighting on the borders of Outer Mongolia.

ANOMALIES

Japan has not yet declared war on China.
The Japanese military authorities have set up puppet governments at Peking and Nanking, but not a single Japanese soldier has been sent to either.
When the war started the Japanese said it would be over in a few months. Now the Japanese War Minister, General Hasegawa, says Japan must be prepared to fight five, ten or even twenty years.
Chinese guerrilla troops are still active on the outskirts of Peking, which the Japanese conquered two years ago.

PEACE HITS

Before Nanking fell, Dr. Trautmann, German Ambassador, transmitted proposals to the Chinese, who rejected them.
In December, 1938, Prince Konoye, then Japanese Premier, again offered terms to China, which were again rejected.
Last year Mr. Wang Ching-wel, one of the Chinese Government leaders, published what he regarded as acceptable peace terms. He was immediately dismissed from all his posts.

LEADERS SAY—

General Abe, Japanese Premier: "Japan will go ahead with the construction of the new order in East Asia."
Chiang Kai-shek, Chinese Generalissimo: "The final victory is ours. China is fighting to sacrifice space for time—to draw the Japanese deeper into the mire, and so achieve eventual victory."

Viceroy in Bombay

BOMBAY, Jan. 7 (Reuters).—The Viceroy of India and Lady Linlithgow arrived here this afternoon on a week's visit.

WOMAN HAS 6 BABIES

ALLAHABAD, Jan. 7 (UP).—A woman in the village of Thakur gave birth to sextuplets to-day. All the babies died within a few hours.

BRITAIN REVOLTS AGAINST DISMISSAL SECRET SESSION OF PARLIAMENT MAY BE TOLD PREMIER'S REASONS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 7 (UP).—It is reported here that Mr. Chamberlain may defend the dropping of Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha only before a secret session of Parliament, despite increasing public demands for an explanation.

"This is very much bigger than you imagine—it has to come," was Mr. Hore-Belisha's comment on the report.

The retiring War Minister has received a flood of messages, indicating that interest in his resignation has collapsed that even Mr. Anthony Eden's retirement.

His hands, his Seal of Office to His Majesty the King on Tuesday. On the same day Mr. Chamberlain will make a speech on the war situation at the Mansion House in which he may refer to the Cabinet changes.

Meanwhile the popular British press continues to criticize Mr. Hore-Belisha's resignation in bitter language.

"The public will not stand for the subject of Mr. Chamberlain's resignation to the high-cast brass hats," asserts the "Sunday Pictorial." Mr. Hore-Belisha has been convicted for using his brains.

"Mr. Hore-Belisha is the victim of anti-Jewish feeling among a section of his highly placed critics," says Lord Rothermere's "Sunday Dispatch."

Premier Expected To Clarify Situation

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuters).—The resignation of Mr. Hore-Belisha is still the subject of much puzzled comment in Britain, and to-day's newspapers continue to give it plenty of space.

The periodic statement by the Prime Minister at Tuesday week's meeting of the House of Commons may explain the resignation, but until then all reference to Mr. Hore-Belisha's reasons must remain purely speculative.

He may himself make a personal explanation to the House of Commons, but political circles in London believe that if he does, he will say very little and will probably shed very little light on the real reason.

Public's Uncasiness

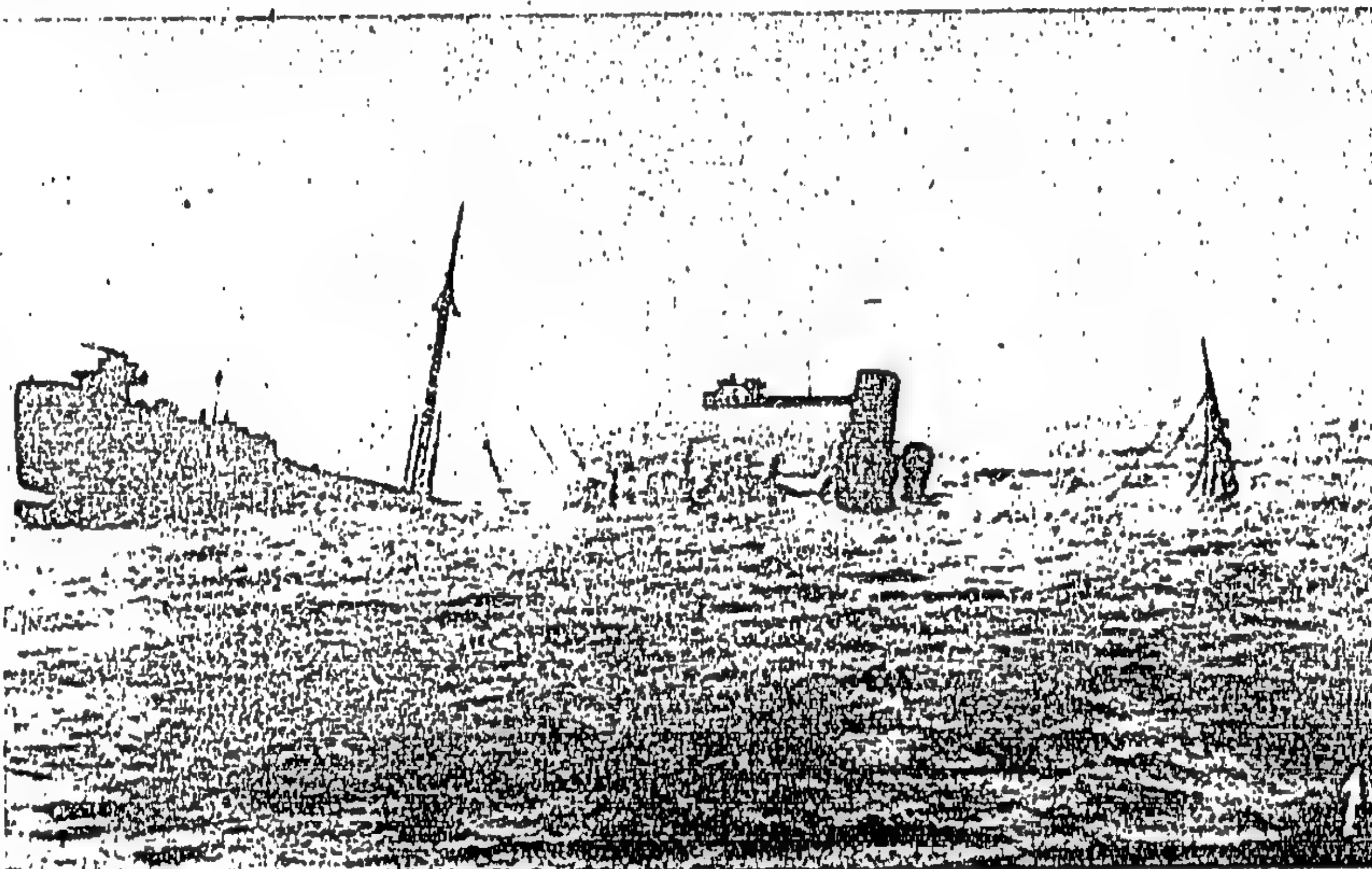
The most outspoken paper is the "Observer," which says that Mr. Hore-Belisha's resignation will give the public more than a week-end of uneasiness. Whatever watch he keeps on his own lips, his record will maintain his innocence.

Both the "Sunday Times" and the "Sunday Chronicle" stress that his resignation will make no difference to the conduct of the war. Both papers, too, hope that he will be back before long.

To Make Statement

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuters).—It is understood that Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, the former War Minister, following Parliamentary tradition, will make a personal statement at the end of question time upon resumption of Parliament on January 16.

He will make his last appearance at the War Office to-morrow before handing back the seals of office on Tuesday.



THIS GRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPH of a British steamer sinking in the North Sea was taken from the U-boat responsible for the outrage. The steamer was the S.S. Blackhill. Note anti-submarine gun mounted on stern.—South China Photo Service.

FINN BOMPHLETS OVER LENINGRAD

(Bibles are dropped instead of pamphlets)
STOCKHOLM, Jan. 7 (Reuters).—According to Finnish circles here, Finnish airmen report that they have repeatedly flown over Leningrad, dropping small bibles. Bibles have also been distributed by other methods.

The Finns believe that this will have a considerable moral effect on the Red troops.

Optimism Increases

Optimism among the Finns is increasing because of three factors:

1.—Their air defences are proving increasingly effective, being rapidly augmented.

2.—The entire eastern front from the Arctic Ocean to Lake Ladoga, on which 300,000 Russians are concentrated, has been successfully held by smaller, but extremely mobile Finnish forces.

3.—The prospects of the short southern front on the Karelian Isthmus, which is a very critical point, are in no way unpromising, although the vast weight of the Russians is being concentrated there before the Mannerheim Line.

Red Attack Turned Back

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 7 (Reuters).—A communique issued to-day states that the attempt of an enemy ski detachment to outflank the Finnish troops in the Salla sector was defeated. Three hundred of the enemy were killed.

Enemy air-raids on Lahli and Kuopio on January 6 resulted in one killed and two wounded. Material damage was not great. Twelve enemy planes were shot down.

300 Russians Killed

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 7 (UP).—An official communique says that 300 Red Russian ski patrolmen were killed in the Salla region last Saturday while attempting to outflank the Finns. Twelve Red planes were shot down.

The Finns repulsed a two-day attack near Lake Maitanlahi, where the Russians have begun entrenching. One was killed and a few wounded in air raids at Lahli and Kuopio. The Finns bombed the enemy lines at several places.

EX-KAISER IS INDISPOSED

DOORN, Jan. 7 (Reuters).—The ex-Kaiser is slightly indisposed with a cold and is confined to his room.
He will be unable to attend the funeral at Amerongen on Tuesday of his friend Count Bentinck, who first gave him shelter when he came to Holland after abdicating.
Count Bentinck died on Friday, aged 82.

ROME TALKS

RUMANIAN-HUNGARIAN RELATIONS

ROME, Jan. 7 (Reuters).—The only element of surprise resulting from the Ciano-Csakany meeting is the announcement that Count Czakany is returning to Budapest to-morrow instead of going to San Remo for a proposed holiday.

It is concluded in some quarters here that developments may shortly be expected in relations between Hungary and Rumania, and a consideration which arose during the talks will be discussed in Budapest immediately.

Tactic Agreement Suspected

The idea is expressed here, but merely as a suggestion, that Budapest may inform Bucharest that she will refrain from harassing Rumania on the Transylvania border if Russia makes a move against Bessarabia, compelling Rumanian armed resistance.

Identity of Views

VENICE, Jan. 7 (Reuters).—Following a further conversation between Count Ciano and Count Czakany, the Italian and Hungarian Foreign Ministers respectively, which lasted an hour, a communique was issued stating that the Ministers had exchanged views to-morrow.

MR. CHURCHILL IN FRANCE

LONDON, Jan. 7 (British Wire-News).—Mr. Winston Churchill, the First Lord of the Admiralty, to-day visited the R.A.F. zone and toured various units in the course of a visit to the British forces on the Western Front.

He was accompanied by Professor Lindemann, the scientist, and will be in air raids at Lahli and Kuopio. The Finns bombed the enemy lines at several places.

Irreparable Damage To Permanent Way

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SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

THE CHINESE SECTION OF THE KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY IS RAPIDLY DISAPPEARING.

Thousands of railway sleepers have been uprooted along the entire section between Shum Chun and Shek-lung and it will probably be years before traffic will run on the line again.

For some reason that cannot be fathomed, the Japanese, using conscripted Chinese labour, tore up the sleepers between Shum Chun and Pokut.

These sleepers were transported across to Manchau by military trucks, and were transferred there to Japanese transports.

The line between Pokut and Chungmuktau has been destroyed by the Chinese guerrillas.

Passants have been urged to use the sleepers for firewood. It is noteworthy that, before the war, this was an offence punishable by death in China.

Chinese "Maginot Line"

Although the Japanese have removed the hardwood sleepers between Shum Chun and Pokut, they have not taken the steel rails. This adds to the mystery in view of the well-known shortage of steel in Japan.

North of Pokut the rails as well as the sleepers have been removed.

It is stated that the Chinese have utilised the rails to construct a miniature Maginot Line of steel pillboxes in the Chungmuktau area.

Although the railway has been damaged to an almost irreparable extent, the Japanese have improved communications in many respects; this presumably for military purposes.

The highway between Shum Chun and Namtau is in first class condition for the first time since it was constructed, and it is possible for motor cars to ply between the two border cities on a highway which is stated to vie with those in Hongkong territory.

When the bridges across the Shum Chun river are repaired and permits are issued for cars to cross the border, it will be possible, for the first time, for cars from Hongkong to travel through to Namtau.

120 DIE IN CAPSIZE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Jan. 8 (UP).—One hundred and twenty Koreans are believed to have lost their lives in the Straits of Korea early on Saturday when their motor launch was engulfed in high waves.

It is believed that only 14 were saved by a fishing boat, which was near the scene of the disaster. The launch was enroute to Japan from Korea, and was 20 miles north-west of Tsushima Island when it was sunk.

Former Bishop Of Wakefield Dies

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuters).—The death is announced of Dr. M. R. Eden, the former Bishop of Wakefield, aged 80.

See Back Page For Further Late News

JAPAN SEEKS NEW PACT WITH U.S.A.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Jan. 7 (UP).—The vernacular newspapers here to-day gave banner headlines to a report that the Japanese Foreign Minister intends to invite the United States Ambassador, Mr. Joseph Grew to visit him this week, when the Japanese will press for a formal opening of trade negotiations with the object of concluding a *modus vivendi*.

The date of the meeting has not yet been fixed, said the report, but the "Nichi Nichi" expressed the belief that it will commence on Tuesday.

The various newspapers publish similar stories expressing the belief that the Foreign Minister will also explain the new inter-Government plans in detail, and that he will give Mr. Grew an assurance that the new set-up will not injure American rights in the Far East.

Yangtze Re-opening
Also there will be concrete discussions on the actual opening of the Yangtze to the newspapers.

Meanwhile the Japanese Government is actively engaged in the establishment of the new regime in China.

An extraordinary meeting of the Cabinet is being held to-morrow, after which Premier Abe will make a report to the Throne. A day or two later he will hold a conference with the heads of the five political parties in order to explain the situation to the people's representatives.

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'The War is Phony'

A U.S. OPINION

NEW YORK.

Under the headline, "Europe's war as phony as Mars invasions of the United States," to-day's New York Daily News carries a Washington story, saying of the war against Hitler:

"Hell was going to break loose, but it turned out to be just another Mother Goose story. Why doesn't some one fight? Hitler had his war, I guess, until Stalin stole it and turned it into another Five-Year Plan."

"If nothing's going to happen, why take our ships off the coast and talk about big maritime business?" This is said to be "the kind of talk one hears in the lobbies of Congress."

A list of questions to be asked by the House of Representatives, who are likely to get the Neutrality Bill if it is passed by the Senate at the end of this week, is then given. They are:

"Does Hitler's failure to make good his threat of imposing a blood bath on England's cities, factories and depots mean that he has receded in his hopes in a secret agreement deal now under way?"

"Has Hitler found himself caught in Stalin's net of intrigue?"

"Doesn't all this mean that Europe is a nest of intrigue, that there will be no real war there and no war boom for business?"

U.S. Recalls Technicians Lent To Soviet

GENEVA.—Within the next ten days 150 American technicians working in Russia will quit the Soviet for home, because the United States Government refuse to renew their passports, according to the Frankfurter Zeitung.

The newspaper says that their "recall" is keenly resented in Russia, because most of the Americans were holding important jobs in Soviet factories, particularly in the steel, electrical, and other key industries.

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U-BOAT MEN CHANT TO BRITONS AS THEY FIRE TORPEDOES

One For Churchill And Another For Chamberlain

ELEVEN British seamen, taken aboard a U-boat which was preparing to sink their ship, watched Nazi seamen lifting torpedoes into the tubes.

As the torpedoes were rammed home the German crew chanted: "One for Chamberlain! One for Churchill!"

The torpedoes were then sent on their mission, which meant the destruction of the 1,351-ton Liverpool steamer Darino.

TOMMY OF TO-DAY IS LESS EMOTIONAL

"THE young soldier of to-day is less emotional and less demonstrative than the Tommy of 1914-18," said Captain T. Gilbert Oakley, who was Chief Instructor and Command Lecturer in Mind Training during the last war.

"What he has heard, read and seen on the films about the last war has prepared him for stress and strain, but this may mean there will be more suppression and repression," said the Captain.

"It is just this that tends to produce the 'nervous breakdown' which, actually, is a staged reaction to 'save the face.' Mostly it is subconscious, and in no way suggests any weakening in the indomitable spirit of the British soldier."

Captain Oakley declares that from his experience he is convinced of the need for an "in-between" class of nurse—a properly trained psycho-therapist capable of handling neurotic cases.

"Patriotism and bravery can be snuffed by love of wife and children," said the Captain. This often sets up a "conflict of mind." The basic causes of nervous debility (neurasthenia) or hysteria (phobias) are frequently submerged memories of the past, buried in the mind behind the mind, the subconscious level. Some incident or episode of the hour provides an "association-of-ideas" and there is a transference of an idea from the past to the present. Often it is disguised, but the sufferer is not aware of this.

"In the cases of young single men, there are contributory factors to the nervous breakdown which occurs in the face of some terrifying ordeal. The experienced psychotherapist uses a technique that carries the mind of the sufferer back to past memories, and by a method of free association a clue is traced and some old buried dread is brought to the surface, explained, realised, laughed at, and the real fear is eradicated for ever."

Changed Attitude

"An outcome of the last war was a complete change in the attitude of the medical profession to anxiety states. Practical psychology came into its own. The power of auto and hetero-suggestion was proved. To-day all methods calculated to add to the recovery of war neuroses will be encouraged and applied under the supervision of the Director-General of Army Medical Services."

"This time we shall start to treat war neuroses at once. In the last war numbers of soldiers suffering from nervous disorders were kept in hospitals for months. To-day it is recognised that such disabilities constitute a special group which is distinct from organic affections of the nervous and vascular systems as it is from hysterical disorders. When the need arises, members of the Forces, their relatives, and the public may be assured that a new knowledge and an efficient treatment awaits the handling of mental confusions, states of depression, neurasthenic conditions, and shock anxieties."

Week-end Softball Scores

Scores over the week-end were:

Tulsa 9, Recreation 8

Recreation 10, Machine Gunners 1

Canucks 4, International 3

Chung Hwa, 2, Hongkong Baseball Club 1

V. R. C. 5, Forum 1

Ramblerettes 22, Cubs 8

Wahcho 7, Pirates 3

Wildcats 22, Panthers 4

Canadian Chinese 17, Cardinals 6

Previously the U-boat had shelled the ship to stop her. Sixteen men were killed or drowned.

Apart from the shelling and the gibes at British statesmen, the U-boat crew and their commander treated the 11 survivors well.

Radio Wrecked

They were 12 hours in the submarine before being transferred to an Italian steamer. One of them said:

"We were two days out from Oporto. It was 3 a.m. on Sunday when the submarine got up."

"I was off to sleep when an explosion woke me up, and I detected the smell of cordite."

"We ran amidships to man the boats. The mainmast had collapsed on the cabin, carrying the wireless aerial with it. The wireless officer could not send out the SOS."

"Some of our crew were wrecked by the explosion, so we ran to the others. It was dark; the moon had just gone down. The ship was sinking rapidly."

Swept Overboard

"We tried to launch the port lifeboat, but suddenly a big wave swept some of us overboard."

"I saw the captain on deck. The messroom boy, aged 16, was trapped in the cabin when the mast fell. Both are among the missing."

"The sea was very cold, but the swell was smooth. We were floating round for half an hour, clinging to wreckage and shouting, when we heard the U-boat commander calling from the conning-tower. 'All right, I'm coming.'"

"He took us aboard and our wet clothes were rubbed down and put into bunks to sleep."

"Later, they brought us coffee, brandy, wine, black rye bread, butter, and bully beef."

Warship Alarm

"At 11 a.m. the same day, they became alarmed. A British warship had been seen."

"The command to submerge was given. I was torpedoed twice in the last war, and have been bombed off Spain, but that submarine for the first time was the worst experience I have had."

"The pressure made our ears ring, until, by gestures, the Germans told us to hold our noses and put our fingers in our ears."

"We were below for 20 minutes, and then resurfaced, to my great relief."

"We steamed along for several hours until we sighted the Italian ship. Then we were told to get ready."

"Hoch" And "Hurrah"

"Before we left the submarine the commander shook hands with us, wished us luck, and took a group photograph of us all."

"As we put off for the Italian the Germans cried 'Hoch! Hoch! Hoch!'"

"We answered with three British cheers."

Very different from the treatment received by the Darino's crew was that meted out to the five survivors of the Sulby, eleven trawler lost since war began.

As they pulled away from their ship, which was being shelled, the U-boat commander pointed at them and laughed at their plight.

They suffered severely. For 36 hours they were buffeted by heavy seas in their open boat.

One of them, Augustus Lewis, said to a News Chronicle reporter:

"All we had to eat was one tin of corned beef. Our captain and four others of the crew had put off in the other boat, but we became separated and lost sight of them."

"We were attracted, to land by fishes from a lighthouse. We climbed up the rocks and were made comfortable by the lighthouse keeper."

"A lifeboat was afterwards sent out for us."

Two of the crew, Sidney Mellish and Jack Trafal, were too weak to return to the mainland and are being cared for at a lighthouse. The skipper's boat, as far as is known, is still afloat.

Survivors of the Greek ship Elena included Mrs. Evangelina Patsoulis, young, good-looking wife of the mate. She was taken ill and exhausted to an hotel and put to bed.

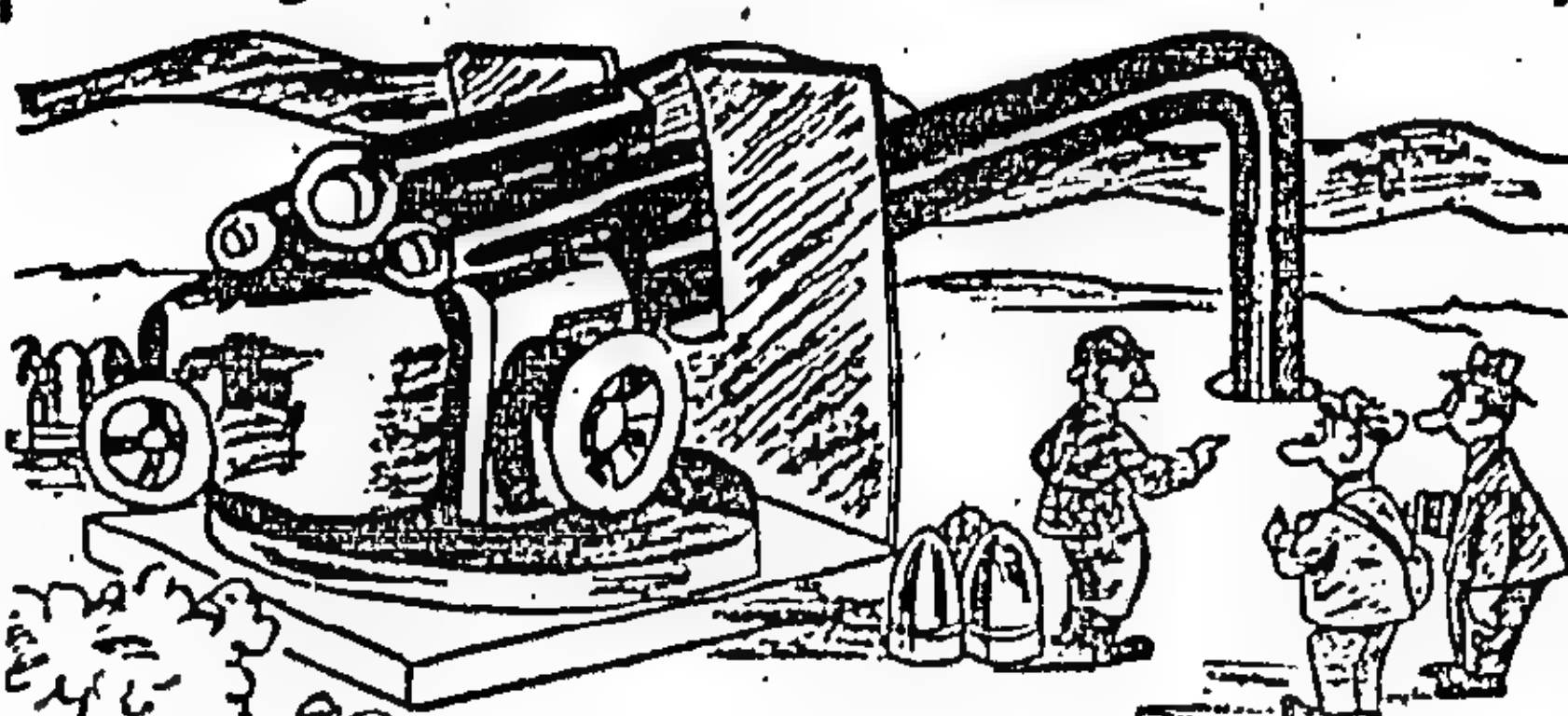
Later, she was missed from the hotel. Inquiries were made, but she was not to be found.

Anxiety was growing among her compatriots when she walked into the hotel.

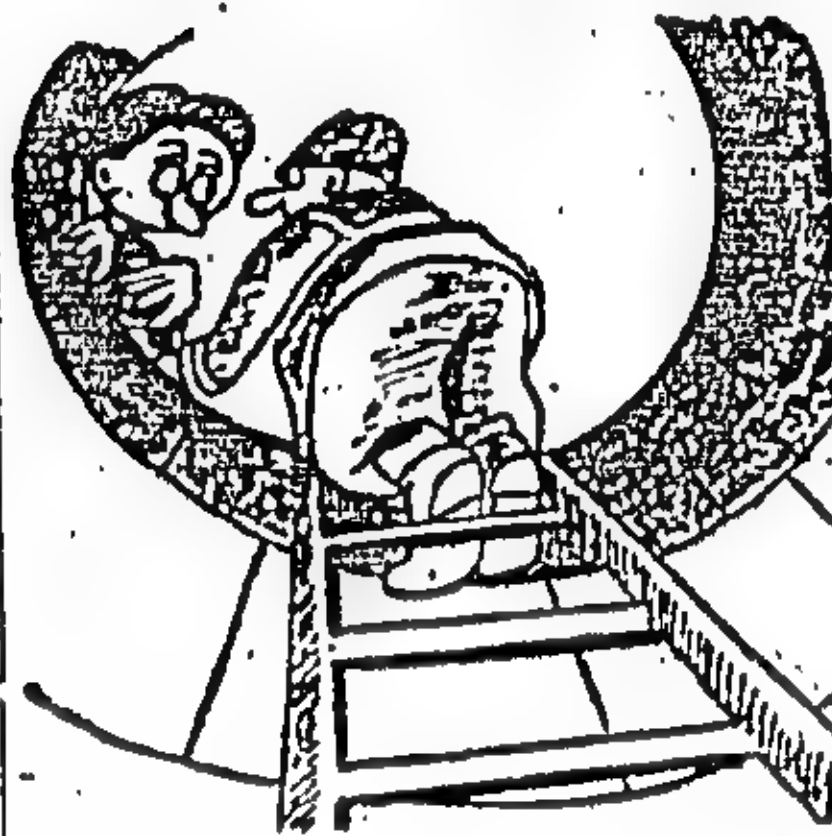
She said:

"I thought I would go out and buy a new hat."

Italy Looks At The Front



"You know, I think it's useless to shoot in the air when all the enemies are underground."



"Sound the sirens." — "Are enemy bombers coming?" — "No, but it's time for lunch."

Forty-Two Words Of Comfort

SO shall they fear the name of the Lord from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.—Isaiah 59, 19.

H. K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Banks (S.S.)	1,400 s.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.)	284 1/2 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.)	284 1/2 n.
Chartered & Co.	334 n.
Mercantile & A. & B.	20 1/2 n.
Mercantile, C. & L.	11 1/2 n.
East Asia	78 n.

INSURANCES	
Canton S.S.	205 b.
Union S.S.	140 b.
China Underwriter	174 s.
H.K. Fire	185 n.

SHIPPING	
Douglases	72 b.
Stamatois	11 n.
Indo-Chinas P.S.	100 b.
Indo-Chinas D.S.	50 b.
Shell (Barkers)	80 n.
Waterboys	7 1/2 n.

DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves S.S.	102 n.
Docks S.S.	22 20/25/22 00 s.
Providents	455/60 s.
New Eng. Sh.	10 80 n.
Sh. Docks Sh.	214 n.

LANDS	
Kallan s/s	17/0 n.
Rauhs s/s	100 50 n.
Venz. Gold	4 n.
H.K. Mines	4 cts. n.

HOTELS	
Hotels	33 1/2 b.
Lands	33 1/2 b.
Shui Lands Sh.	13 n.
Humphreys	8 00 n.
H.K. Realities	440 b.
Chinese Estates	101 n.

UTILITIES	
Trams	17 00 s.
Peak Trams (old)	8 n.
Peak Trams (new)	4 n.
Star Ferry	68 1/2 n.
Y. Ferry	23 1/2 n.
China Lights (old)	7 50 b. s.
China Lights (new)	40 n.
H.K. Electric	54 50 b.
Macao Electric	18 n.
Sandakan Lights	11 25 b.
Telephones (old)	24 50 b.
Telephones (new)	9 30 b.
Traction s/s	18 1/2 n.
Traction (Pref.) s/s	18 1/2 n.

INDUSTRIALS	
Cold Macg. (Ord.)	Sh. 14 00 n.
Cold Macg. (Pref.)	Sh. 13 n.
Canlon Ice	5 n.
Cement	17 35/18 00 s.
H.K. Ropes	6 00 n.

STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms (old)	22 10 b.
Dairy Farms (new)	21 1/2 b.
Watsons	1 60 s.
Lane, Crawford & S.	7 1/2 n.
Sincere	1 50 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	41 n.
Powell, Ltd.	1 n.

COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh.	26 75 n.
Shai Cotton Sh.	150 n.
Zong Sing Sh.	44 n.
Wing On Textiles, Sh.	40 1/2 n.

MISC.	
H.K. Entertainments	6 1/2 b.
Constructions (old)	1 75 b.
Constructions (new)	1 n.
Vibro Piling	8 1/2 n.
Ch. Crow	5 1/2 n.
G. Bonds	48 n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan	100 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan	57 1/2 n.
Marmans (Lon.) s/s	15 1/2 n.
Marmans (H.K.) s/s	4 1/2 n.

Swiss Fear Nazi Wall Is New Threat

SWISS military experts interpret Germany's decision to extend the Siegfried Line fortifications along the Rhine to the Lake Constance as a threat to invade Switzerland as a short cut to France.

Five weeks ago Swiss fortifications were doubled when reports of training of German soldiers on this were received. Germany has equipped several divisions with mountain gear and trained them in the mountains of Bavaria, believed to be in preparation for crossing the Jura mountains, which separate Switzerland from France.

A Nazi invasion of Switzerland may induce Mussolini to render immediate military assistance.

Italy has offered many new facilities to Switzerland since the war began. Swiss goods are treated with preference in Italian ports.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says:

This morning has proved the best Saturday's trading for some considerable time past. Docks again led the field, but they did not have it all to themselves. Hotels, Providents, Watsons, Trams, Cements and Telephones, New were amongst the followers. Sales were reported in Hongkong Banks at the improved rate of \$1,400.

Buyers	
H.K. Bank	\$1,390
Canton Ins.	\$205
Union Ins.	\$440
Douglases	\$72
Providents	\$44
Hotels	\$55
Lands	\$33
Realities	\$4 35
Tramways	\$17 30
Yamutai Perries	\$23 1/2
China Lights (Old)	\$7 1/2
Electricity	\$54 1/2
Sandakan Lights	\$11 1/2
Telephones (Old)	\$24 1/2
Telephones (New)	\$9 1/2
Cements	\$17 80
Ropes	\$8
Dairy Farms (Old)	\$22
Dairy Farms (New)	\$21 1/2
Watsons	\$9 20
Entertainments	\$6 1/2
Constructions (Old)	\$1 1/2

Sellers	
Docks	\$22 1/2
Hotels	\$55
Electricity	\$54 1/2
Cements	\$17 80
Ropes	\$8
Watsons	\$9 1/2

Sales	
H.K. Bank	\$1,400
Docks	\$22 20/25/22 00 s.
Providents	\$45 50/60
Hotels	\$54 1/2
Tramways	\$17 1/2/17 1/4
China Lights (Old)	\$7 1/2
Telephone (New)	\$9 1/2
Cements	\$17 85/8
Dairy Farms (Old)	\$22
Watsons	\$9 20

Manila Gold Shares Morning Closing	
Aikos	22 1/2 s.
Antares	17 s.
Bugulo Gold	23 s.
Batong Buhay	015 s.
Big Wedge	24 s.
Coco Grove	10 s.
Con. Mines	004 s.
Demonstration	11 1/2 b.
East Mindanao	40 s.
I. K. L.	10 s.
Ipo Gold	14 b.
Igon Mining	30 1/2 s.
Manabulo Con.	017 s.
Masbate Con.	12 s.
Mind. Motherlode	009 1/2 s.
Mine Operation	11 1/2 b.
North Camarines	16 b.
Paracale Gunman	10 s.
San Marcelo	04 s.
Surgino Con.	20 1/2 s.
Suyco Con.	14 s.
Syndicate Inv.	027 s.
United Paracale	34 s.
Bequest Con.	5 75 b.

The Post Students of Wah Yan College held a successful "At Home" by courtesy of the Rev. Fr. Rector of the College at their Alma Mater on last Saturday. Those present were V. Rev. R. W. Gallagher S.J., headmaster of the College, Messrs. Lim Hovien, headmaster of Wah Yan College, Kowloon and Ko Fook-sun, President, Rev. T. F. Ryan S.J., Rev. A. Coghly S.J., Rev. H. E. Craig S.J., many others of the teaching staff and a large number of the members of their Alumnus.	
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A 17-year-old European girl, Miss A. Lechman, residing at 17 Somerset Road, was bitten by a dog whilst visiting friends at 3 Devon Road yesterday. The dog has been removed for observation.	
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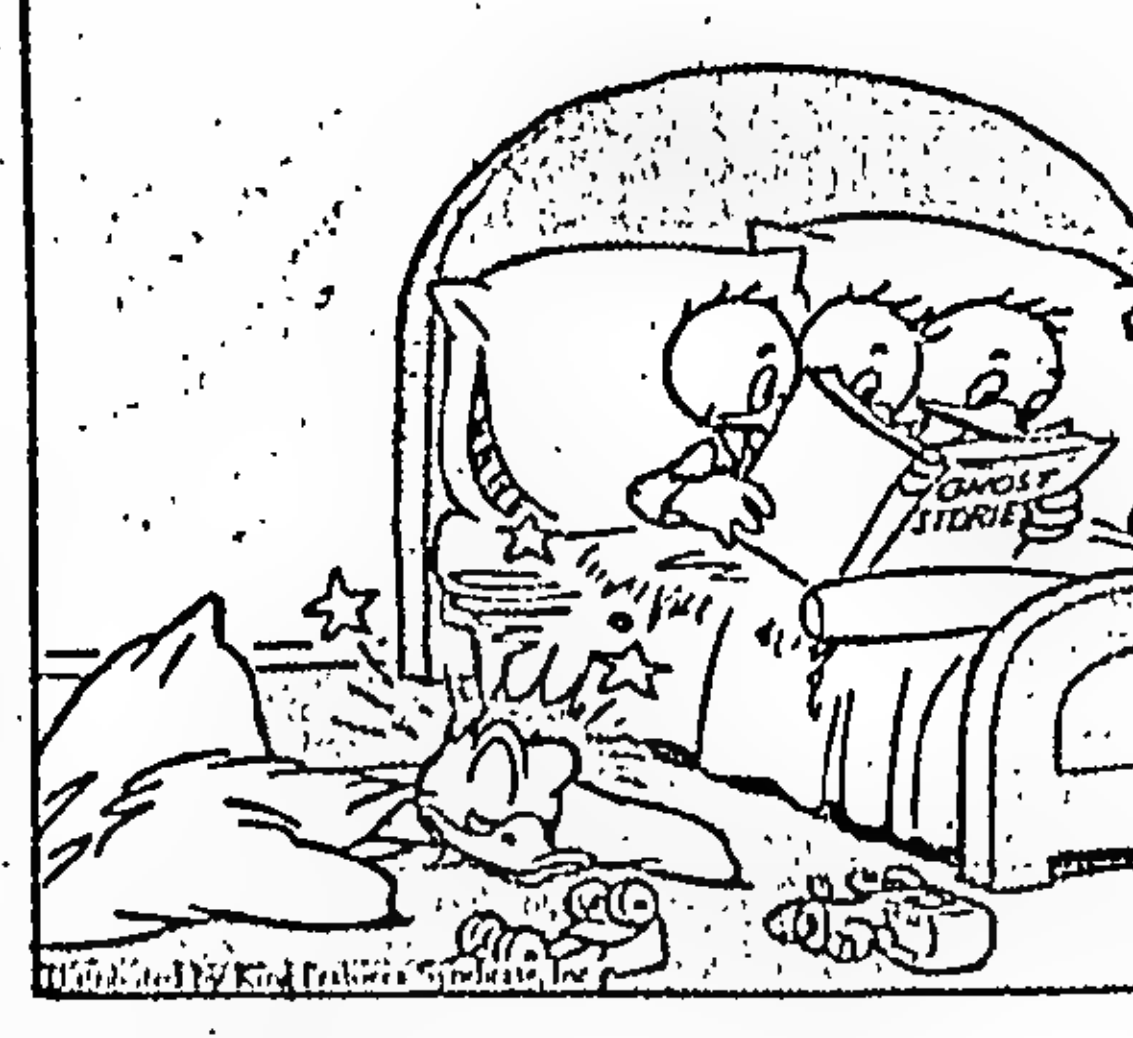
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RUMANIAN- HUNGARIAN RELATIONS

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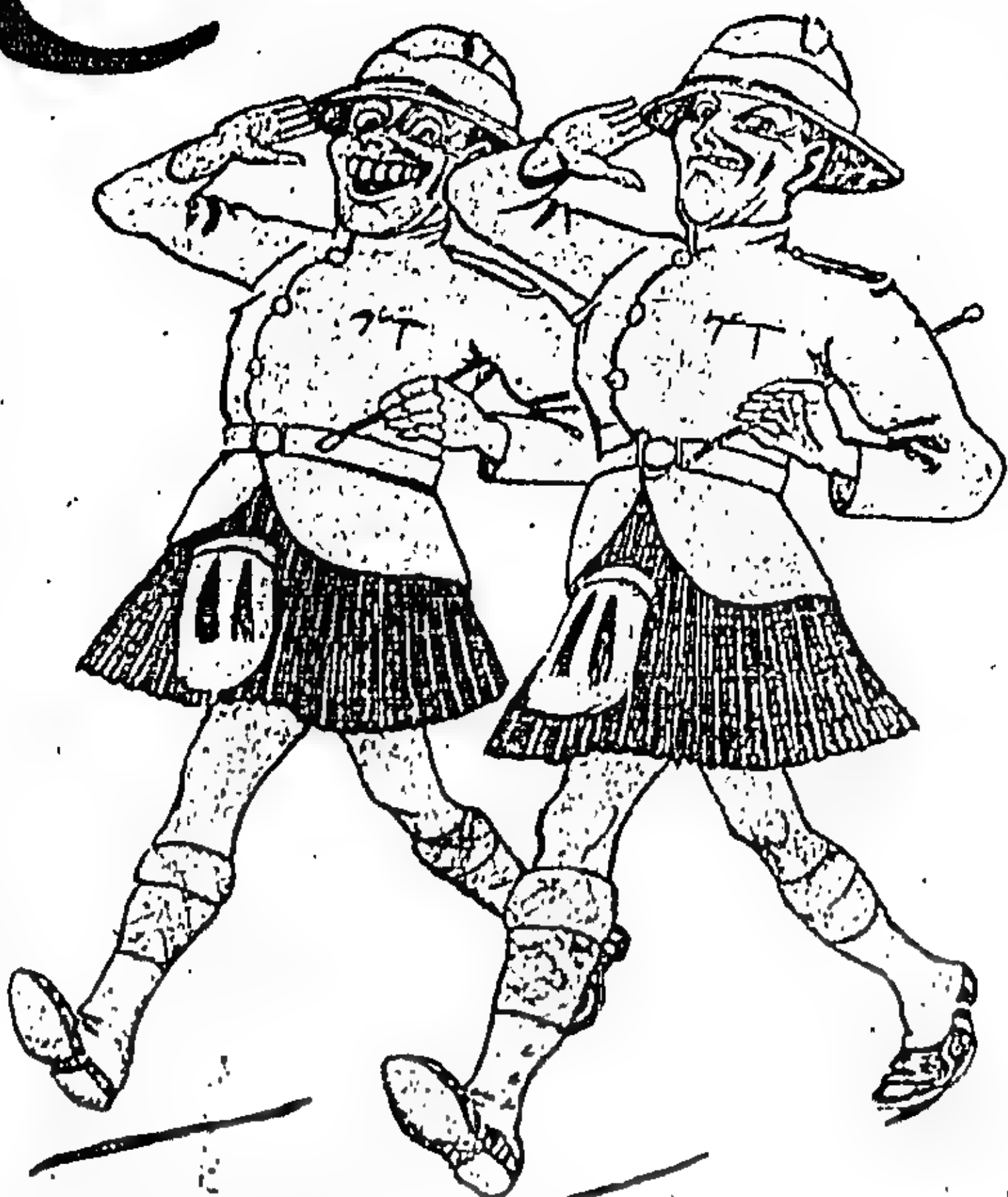
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Tribute

THOUGH the way on land has reached a point of deadlock and the war in the air still hangs fire, at sea the struggle for mastery is being waged relentlessly and on an ever-increasing scale. For weeks we have all been saying: "This is a queer war—nothing seems to happen," but that was because we were safely on dry land. Plenty has been happening at sea. Hundreds of men and women have suffered and died, and many fine ships have been sunk.

Look at the list, The Athenia, the Courageous, the Royal Oak. A submarine, a destroyer, a minesweeper. Numerous trawlers and cargo boats, carrying on with their all-important task of bringing supplies to Britain. A dozen or two of neutral ships. And now a sudden spate of sinkings by the merciless Nazi mines.

Let us pay tribute to the crews of all these ships, British and neutral alike, who have known full yells the dangers they were facing and have still done their duty. Let us pay tribute to the passengers who have been the victims of the war at sea, and to the men who have risked their own lives in the work of rescue. Let us salute the devotion of all these men, and their steadfast courage.

LET us determine, also, to face and overcome the new problems created by the Nazi mines which prey indiscriminately on the shipping of the world. The intention is clear—to ring our coasts with an impassable barrier, and starve us out.

What is the answer? First, the one that has been given—economic reprisal. Second, the sweeping of the mines. If, as is supposed, they are mines of a new type, the task of sweeping them may present new difficulties. We must overcome those difficulties, and we believe that they will be overcome.

Third, and not least important, we must strain every effort not merely to replace the ships we are losing, but to build up a merchant fleet which will more than suffice for all our war-time needs, with a margin to spare. That is a great task, but it can be done.

Hongkong, with its splendid shipyards, can be expected to play an important part in this work.



"WHEN DID YOU LAST SEE YOUR FATHER?"

A suspected anti-Hitler plot by the ex-Crown Prince and other relatives of the exiled Kaiser is being investigated by the Nazis, say reports from Germany.

CONSCIENCE on the CARPET

by Stuart Fletcher

"CONSCIENCE," said Hamlet, "doth make cowards of us all." But in war-time conscience makes brave men of a lot of young people.

Think of the nervousness, the desperate unhappiness which most of us feel if we are called upon to make the shortest speech at a wedding or a dinner or to say thank you publicly for a set of presentation fish-knives.

What a torturing procession ensues of ums and ahs, throat-clearings and nervous clutched of the nearest solid support. The Englishman's home is his soapbox; outside it as a rule he is as dumb as an ox and not nearly as decorative.

Yet in many parts of Britain at present young men of 20 and 21 with no experience of public speaking are standing up in public courts to proclaim views which in a country at war are the most unpopular views they could possibly hold—pacifist ones.

Except for the professional martyr, it is never wholly pleasant, and certainly always difficult, to swim against the main current of public opinion.

The War Aim

Possibly young conscientious objectors are fortified in their appeal for tolerance by the statement that this particular war is being fought for democracy and liberty and the freedom of individual opinion.

Come with me, then, to one particular Conscientious Objectors' Tribunal, which in the course of little more than a month has gained for itself some notoriety, to see how far these high-minded principles are being given expres-

sion by the professional examiners of conscience.

These elderly examiners—a county court judge, a professor of philosophy, an ex-educationalist, and a retired trade union leader, sit in the Council Chamber of Fulham Town Hall. They constitute the London Conscientious Objectors' Tribunal.

Stage is Set

A half-circle of oak pews faces them. Overlooking them is a public gallery, whence from time to time come duly repressed titters, murmurs of disapprobation, and whispered controversies.

Around the chamber are stained glass windows of past kings and queens of England. A life-size oil painting of George the Fifth behind the judge's chair is flanked by stiff and lifeless portraits of numerous mayors of Fulham, all of whom the artists have contrived with considerable ingenuity to make look like mayors rather than human beings.

The stage is set. An usher—a one-armed man who is probably a wounded veteran of the last war—calls out a name, and a young man, his Adam's apple bobbing up and down in an extremely nervousness, walks hurriedly into the well of the court and faces the Tribunal.

Having verified the applicant's name, the judge reads out his statement claiming exemption. This is a statement of faith, some-

times eloquently, more often tediously written, but none the less a statement.

The judge reads it out in a flat, dry, hurrying voice as if it is an inventory of rather unsavoury groceries.

Then come questions. And these, as I have pointed out in this newspaper already, give the impression of being designed less to measure the depth of an applicant's conscience than to muddle a mind already confused by the necessity of making a desperate decision.

The amount of barren theological disputation and smart-aleck bandying of Bible texts which goes on in this court would have tried the patience even of a conference of medieval schoolmen.

"Where in the New Testament," asks the judge, "does Christ specifically say that war is incompatible with His teaching?"

Who is Wrong?

"Love your neighbour as yourself by all means," allows the philosopher member of the Tribunal, speaking in a crisp and quite delightful Scottish accent, "but don't attempt to tell me that you can extend that love to a whole country. That is untenable."

(Yet was it not Mr. Chamberlain's own brother who vowed on a famous occasion: "I love France as one loves a woman!")

The judge dealing with another young man has an ingenious idea.

Killing repugnant to God? he asks. But God so loved the world that He sent His only Son to the earth to be killed for humanity's sake. Moreover, in the last resort, by means of death He kills us all.

On and on the arguments go, settling nothing except that a number of young men who have expressed their conscientious objection to participating in the activities of the war machine are clutched into its mechanism.

Nearly always their bawled incoherence is no match for the dialectical skill and frivolous ingenuity of the Tribunal.

Elbowed Out

An applicant gives a political basis for his objection. But, says the Tribunal, politics have nothing to do with conscience.

Are we, then, to believe that our rulers and representatives, elected under the democracy for which we are fighting, are professional cynics devoid of conscience and able like lawyers to adapt their political faith to the most remunerative brief?

Occasionally Mr. A. B. Swales, the trade union member, rosy-faced, white-moustached, and rather reassuring, enters the debate with more good intent than success—his method of patient inquiry seems to be elbowed out by the debating society experts.

And what, in terms of figures, does this Tribunal achieve? In just over a month since its first sitting on October 3, 405 cases were heard by it.

Of the applicants 169 were ordered to do non-combatant service; 105 were exempted from fighting on condition that they did civilian work of national importance (many of them were already doing so); seven were unconditionally exempted; and 104 had their applications totally rejected.

To the applicants, at all events, that must be an unsatisfactory state of affairs. The State itself will suffer, too, in further waste of time when the Appeals Tribunal has to hear many of these cases all over again.

Rough and Ready

Meanwhile, although the problem is one to try the wisdom and patience of angels, far more satisfactory results are being obtained in other courts.

I attended a sitting of the South-East of England Tribunal. Here the applicant's initial objection seemed to be accepted, and the Tribunal probed its depth by finding out what kind of job the man before them would be willing to do in wartime.

Falling second-sight on the part of a judge, this seems to be the most rough-and-ready method. For, since we are fighting for freedom, it is obvious that tolerance should err on the side of error rather than dragging unwilling people into an activity which they abhor.

Everyone Ought To Make a Will A Solicitor Tells You How

WITHOUT wanting to be unduly gloomy, we must admit that in these days of possible black-outs life is even more precarious than usual.

Therefore if it was wise for every man and woman to make a Will in peace time, it is even more a duty now to see that your affairs are in reasonable order.



Practically everybody has something to leave if it's only some furniture or an insurance policy, and you will want to make sure that it goes to the proper person. If you leave no Will the law will distribute your goods for you according to the rules of intestacy, but that may mean something very different from what you intended.

And that is especially true if you are a single man or woman—distant relatives whom you may not in the least care for roll up from the ends of the earth to share in your estate.

At the moment solicitors' offices are full of people who want Wills drafted, but not everyone has guineas to spare just now. But there is no great difficulty about making a simple Will and if your affairs are not complicated you can do it perfectly well yourself.

For most of us, all we want to do is to say who is to have our bits of property and who is to look after our estate. You can do it like this: A Will must be in writing, but it may be in ink or pencil, typewritten or printed. It may be on any material, but most of us would use paper. There have been plenty of freak Wills made on such things as eggshells, shirt-fronts, and photographs and it is even said that some one is walking about with his Will tattooed on his back, but such odd ideas merely cast doubt upon the sanity of the testator.

You can begin by saying "I, John Smith, of . . . hereby revoke all former Wills made by me and declare this to be my last Will."

Then go on to say as simply as possible what you want to do with your property. Avoid using any legal terms you may not fully understand—they may have some technical meaning which is not what you intend.

If you are leaving all your goods to your wife you will say "I give all my real and personal estate to my wife, Jane Smith." But if you are giving any special gifts to friends or relations they should be set out first.

PLEASE Turn To Page 3.

Several Junks Pirated

Marauders Busy Last Week

Numerous trading junks have been pirated near Hongkong during the past few days, according to reports received by the Police.

A cargo of cakes, paper, tea, preserved vegetables and oranges valued at \$3,450 was seized by pirates off the Sam Mun customs station in Chinese waters on January 4. The trading junk, under Chu Yung, 30, was halted when the pirates opened fire with rifles.

Another piracy occurred between the Nine Pins and Sa Mun in Chinese waters on the same date. A junk with a mixed cargo valued at \$500, consigned for shops in Hongkong, was forced to heave-to when a large fishing vessel approached, and her crew threw seven or eight sticks of dynamite at her.

Armed With Choppers

Eight pirates armed with choppers boarded, and began the job of ransacking their capture. The master, Yeung Shing-lak, 30, and his crew were locked in the hold. After the pirates had departed, they discovered property and cargo to the value of \$220 had been taken. The junk's rudder was smashed, while her masts and sails were damaged. The vessel drifted till rescued by a passing junk the next morning.

Attack In British Waters

Almost at the same place, pirates stopped a cargo boat conveying miscellaneous goods on January 5 by firing shots with a rifle at her. The cargo was seized and the master, Mak Ping-lee, 38, robbed of \$200 in Chinese currency.

A further piracy occurred the same day off Nim Wan in British waters when a junk with a cargo of preserved ducks valued at \$1,500 on board was seized and taken by the pirates to Chek Wan, Chinese territory. There the master, Chan Mi-chai, 30, and his crew were released, but the junk and cargo were kept.

Amah Gagged And Robbed

Left alone in a house in Pingshan district, New Territories, an amah, named Yui Sheng, 47, was bound and gagged by a gang of three men on Saturday. The robbers then began ransacking the house, and accompanied with money and clothing to the value of \$223. Included in their haul were a number of foreign coins.

The servant was released by neighbours following the robbers' departure, after she had managed to loosen her gag and shout for assistance.

More Travellers To Canton

CANTON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—In view of the increased number of travellers between Macao and Hongkong, the Kwangtung Inland River Navigation Company (in Japanese concern) recently purchased the Portuguese vessel Imiti Cheung, of 1,100 tons, for the Canton-Macao run, relieving a smaller ship, which will ply between Canton and Kowloon.

Prison For Young Bag-Snatchers

Five young members of a snatching gang appeared on remand before Mr. G. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon Magistrate's court, for sentence. Two of the victims robbed were Mrs. Joseph Le da Combe and Miss Graciano. The former lost a considerable sum of American and Hongkong money.

Defendants were given sentences ranging from six weeks' hard labour to six months.

FINLAND HAS LOTS OF FOOD

HELSINKI, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—The food situation in Finland is good. Ration cards are only required for coffee and sugar. There are ample home supplies of milk, cream, butter and eggs.

Fatal Accident

An accident which ended fatally occurred in Shanghai Street yesterday, when a 45-year-old girl, To Chik-lam, was knocked down by a motor lorry, driven by Lau Chi, as she ran across the road.

She died after being admitted into Kowloon Hospital.

WATCH STOLEN FROM PADRE

A thief stole a silver pocket watch valued at \$40 from the rooms of the Rev. A. J. Conny, S.J., at Wah Yan College on Saturday.

1,000 JAPANESE THREATENED WITH ANNIHILATION RETREAT CUT OFF IN N. KWANGTUNG

POSE AS TWO DETECTIVES: ROB WOMEN

Two men who gained admittance into a house in Sataukok, New Territories, by saying they were detectives, robbed two women, Yuen Tai, 54, widow, and Chan Sam-mul, 32, of \$400 in Chinese Central Bank currency on Saturday.

The robbers told the women they had come to search for dynamite. When the door was opened, they produced revolvers and bound and gagged both women.

Witness In Supreme Court Scene

Gaol For Contempt Warning By Judge

"IF YOU do not behave yourself for contempt," said the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, to a witness in the Supreme Court this morning during the continued hearing involving two houses in De Lok Street.

Plaintiffs are Chan Fui-hing, Chan Sit-in, and Chan Kwok-nim. As co-owners, they declare the property was mortgaged, without their knowledge, by Chan Chung-wah, brother of third plaintiff, for \$60,000. They ask the Court for a declaration that the signatures on the mortgage are forgeries.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Hon. Mr. Lo d'Almada, J.C., instructed by Mr. C. d'Almada, appear for plaintiffs. The defendant, Fung Kai-sun, is represented by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., and Mr. H. C. Menzies, instructed by Mr. M. M. Watson.

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AN URGENT message from the North Kwangtung front this morning states that about 1,000 Japanese are threatened with annihilation at Lienkenghow, 14 miles south of Yingtak on the Canton-Hankow Railway.

It is claimed that these Japanese troops, beaten back from their advance posts, are desperately holding out against overwhelming forces of Chinese. Their retreat is now cut off.

The Japanese forces on the right wing which captured Samwa and Tsingtung, south of Yungyun, have now retreated to points south of Shatien, leaving behind hundreds of dead and quantities of military equipments.

Sunfung Desolation 30 miles north-west of Longmoon, which the Japanese abandoned on New Year's Day, now lies in complete desolation as the invaders set fire to the city before retreating.

The Japanese troops also claim that the Japanese westward drive from Chaoan on Fungkwai and Salton has ended in complete failure. Several fierce attacks have been beaten back by stiff Chinese resistance.

Blister fighting raged on January 3 and 4, throughout which the Chinese managed to hold their ground. The Japanese spearhead suffered on January 5, and is now retreating.

It is stated that the Japanese remnants are calling reinforcements from Swatow.

Honan Offensive

In Honan province, more than 3,000 Japanese, supported by artillery and planes, launched a drive towards Chushan and Chienchiang, near Pinghangkwan, about 20 miles north-west of Sinyang. The Chinese are putting up staunch resistance. Sinyang and Yanting, two strategic points on the outskirts of Sinyang, have recovered by the Chinese. The Japanese, Chinese sources claim, left some 500 bodies and a quantity of arms and ammunition behind in their retreat from these points.

Japanese units based at Yenchiangchen, south-east of Wens, and in the area east of Hsiangshien, in South Shansi, launched several attacks on the Chinese positions at Fangshan-miao, north-east of Hsiangshien, yesterday without success.

The Japanese are alleged to have used gas in their offensive.

Professional Pick-Pocket Prison Sentence For Old Hand

Described as a professional pick-pocket, Man Yau, 28, unemployed, appeared before Mr. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with the theft of \$7 from Lui Fuk-sang, a tin-smith, at the Hongkong Football Club ground yesterday.

Inspector A. V. Baker said Lui was purchasing a ticket to see the match between South China "A" and Eastern when Man was seen to take the money from his pocket. Man had a record of seven previous convictions and was under police supervision.

Sentence of six months' hard labour was passed.

Another man, Ki Chuen, 22, unemployed, was charged with the theft of a purse containing \$7.44 from Mr. Augusto Lau, of the X-ray Department, Queen Mary Hospital, in Fleming Road, Wanahai, yesterday. He denied the offence and was remanded for a week.

Hidden Earrings In His Mouth

Charged with the larceny of a pair of earrings from Lau Shing, an amah, in Centre Street on Saturday, Hung Yan, 25, unemployed, was sentenced to three months' hard labour, and recommended for banishment by Mr. Houston at Central Magistracy this morning.

He will be given 18 strokes of the cane if he fails to pay.

Sgt. Macvey said Lau was arrested later in the day, and the earrings found in his mouth.

He had a conviction for a previous offence last year.

10-Year-Old Girl Badly Burned

Injuries of a serious nature were suffered by Audrey Holden, a 10-year-old girl, residing in F Block, Military Quarters, Kennedy Road, yesterday, when she was burned on both hands and legs while playing with boiling hot near her home.

She was taken to the Queen Mary Hospital and is under treatment.

CHINESE LIEUT. ASSASSINATED

SHANGHAI, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Lieutenant Chan Yuching, a graduate of the Whampoa Military Academy of Canton, was shot dead by two gunmen yesterday shortly after leaving his residence in the International settlement.

While the true motive cannot yet be ascertained, Chinese quarters believe it to be a political murder.

BIG CITY LINER STRIKES MINE

CAPTAIN HURT IN EXPLOSION

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—The City liner, City of Marseilles, was badly holed amidships after striking a mine off the Scottish coast yesterday.

One seaman was killed and 13 Indian seamen were injured. The explosion occurred only a few minutes after the pilot cutter had put the liner aboard.

The master of the cutter said that they had gone away about 50 yards from the City of Marseilles when the liner struck a mine.

Life-Boats Capsized

The ship's boats were immediately lowered but two boats capsized and about 14 men were seen swimming in the water. Three managed to climb on the rudder of the liner and the pilot cutter put off one of her own boats and picked up the men in the water. Some of the men were in the last stages of exhaustion.

Afterwards the cutter took four of the liner's life-boats in tow, bringing about 40 members of the crew of the liner to port.

A life-boat was called out and was pulled to the liner by an air force plane.

Little External Damage

The City of Marseilles was towed into port today. She had very little external damage apart from the fact that two life-boats were wrecked in their davits, but the interior of the vessel was wrecked.

Captain Olsen, master of the liner, was injured in the explosion, suffering from bruises and shock.

The City of Marseilles' tonnage is 8,000 and she carried a crew of 103.

Hamburg-America Ship Sunk OSLO, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—The Hamburg-America steamer, Frankwald, 5,082 tons, sunk last night near Steinsund Sognefjord, 45 miles north of Bergen.

The crew of 48 and two Norwegian pilots were rescued by a Norwegian destroyer and taken to Bergen.

Trawler and Crew Lost

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that H. M. trawler Kingston Cornelian, has been lost, with the skipper and crew of 10, in a collision.

British Trawler Lost

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". GIBRALTAR, Jan. 7 (UP).—The British trawler Kingston Cornelian was lost with seventeen hands aboard as the result of a collision with the French liner Chella Straits last night. The Chella Straits launched a boat but no survivors were found.

British Steamer Sunk

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". LONDON, Jan. 7 (UP).—The British steamer Towneley (2,888 tons) was mined and sunk off the southeast coast of England yesterday. All the crew were saved.

Currency Flops In Canton

CANTON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Despite all attempts to ease the currency problem in Canton, the Kwangtung Provincial Bank notes are still depreciating.

While formerly only notes of \$5 and \$10 denomination were not accepted except at a heavy discount, it is learned that some of the \$1 notes are now considered to be worthless by many shops and money changers.

It is stated that only notes that are not too old and not too new will be accepted, thus rendering Kwangtung Provincial notes of all denominations worthless except at a discount of about 40 per cent.

Meanwhile, the Standing Committee of the Chinese Bankers' Association appointed to solve the problem has resigned, admitting its inability to deal with the matter.

DECLARATION OF DEFIANCE

HELSINKI, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—A Finnish broadcast appeal to-day declared: "We may be beaten by force but we shall have to be annihilated."

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MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

SOUTH CHINA "A" GAIN DESERVED 3-2 VICTORY

EASTERN BEATEN AFTER LEADING 2-0 AT INTERVAL

Lee Wai-tong Scores Last Minute Goal

(By "Rox")

THE IMPETUOUS fresh blood of Eastern went down to the experienced veterans of South China "A" in the local soccer classic by three goals to two at the Club ground yesterday, before a terrific crowd, the major part of which were clamouring for admittance half an hour before the whistle.

Eastern led two goals to nil in the first half, and the result appeared a foregone conclusion, but the sagas wisely shook their heads and said Eastern had beaten themselves in the manner they went about getting that lead, and sure enough the turning point came in the last minute of the game when they could not rally quick enough to stop Lee Wai-tong from scoring one of the most spectacular goals of his career.

South China "A" never struck true form at any time of the game. Their victory was gained through Eastern's tremendous over-enthusiasm on the attack, and over-zealousness on the defence.

For Eastern, Lau Hin-hon gave an excellent display till the closing minutes of the game when the stress became too much for him and he cracked up completely allowing South China "A" to equalise with an almost goal. He came very near stopping South China "A's" first goal, which was a penalty taken by the redoubtable Lee Wai-tong, and that alone is sufficient praise.

Kong Sang-kong and Tsang Chun-wei were inimitable. They gave one of their finest performances to date, notwithstanding a fatal mistake made by each, the former, his close watch on Lee Wai-tong and Ip Pak-wah resulting in his allowing Lai to head in an easy goal, the latter in committing the fault which resulted in a penalty being given against his team.

SUPERB TRIO

THE Eastern half-backs were reminiscent of the key-day half-back play of South China. They played superbly as a trio, and were responsible for keeping Lee, Fung and Lai from ever being really dangerous. Hsu King-seng was fighting a

dual battle, his inclination to cover Fung as the dangerous forward, and Lee his rightful mark and he finally decided he would tackle both, and did a very good job of it. Lau Chi-chan was the more constructive of the wing-halves, playing his forwards with beautiful passes, while Lo Wai-luen was his usual dashing stopper.

FINE GOAL-KEEPING

TAM Kwan-hon, for South China "A" began very shakily, but steadied up to play a polished game between the sticks. His timely charges and punches saved the occasion several times.

Lee Tin-sang and Mak Siu-hon gave a very poor show. They were



Chang Ying-kuen (Eastern inside left) in a spectacular but vain effort to head a goal against South China "A" at the Club ground yesterday. Lee Tin-sang and Mak Siu-hon are the two South China backs. Tam Kwan-hon can be seen in the S. China goal.—Mee Cheung.

Triangular Rugby Tournament

NARROW VICTORY

FOR THE ARMY

Careless Passing And Faulty Handling In Final Match

(By "Fly-half")

IN A GAME marred by careless passing and faulty handling, Army just managed to retain their first half lead of 5 points (a goal) to 3 (a try) against the Navy at Causeway Bay on Saturday, and thus earned for themselves the runners-up position in the Triangular Tournament.

The Navy backs were very much below form, and were guilty of lying out of position and bad handling. Time and again attacking movements broke down before the attackers came in contact with the defenders.

Pickett, at full-back, endangered his own line time and again through allowing the ball to bounce before gathering. He made a bad mistake when he chased back after an attempt to kick to touch by Wright, and stopped the ball with one hand when in full stride. He had to come back and found Kennedy upon the ball. His dive prevented Kennedy from going over, but the ball rolled free for Wright to gather and fall over the line.

Army wing-three's, Arlingstall and Richards, were given very little freedom by Kennedy and Bowen. Arlingstall was a trier, and had hard luck when he raced after what appeared at first a lost cause. He dived between two Navy players only to find that the ball was a foot over the dead ball line.

White and Boe stood up to their task well, despite their receiving knocks from tackles by Stevens and Paul. Hook and Lang were Army's most comfortable combination. Both worked hard and kept up with play well.

FIERY FORM

ARMY'S PACK displayed fiery form in the first half, but faded out except for individual efforts in the second half. The solid Navy pack wore down their opponents, and gave their backs plenty of the ball in the second half, when Brown mastered Sutherland. Kiddle was outstanding in the Army pack and his keen-headed up in two of his line-out plays, his efforts might have been better rewarded. Pinkerton, Page and Evans were other Army forwards to take the eye, although practically only in the first half.

Gale, for Navy, was on top of the ball nearly always, and tactically worked himself to a standstill. He was ably supported by Taylor, Brown and Ferris.

Clark put the ball out well from the base of the Navy scrum, but was poorly supported by Carter, whose passing and handling left much to be desired. Bowden, who was the only Navy back to show up, although his efforts were of his own making. He avoided tackles repeatedly, and only force of numbers kept him out.

Stevens and Paul forgot in the second half that although in the first half their pack was losing the ball it paid them to lie up on their own posts. It was a bad policy when a monopoly of the ball, and that a deep-laying three line is the only effective one in attack. However, the fault was not theirs entirely, as the ball was generally late in reaching them.

WRIGHT CONFIDENT

WRIGHT was confident at full-back, and dealt with kicks ahead in a masterly way. The first big thrill in the game came when Arlingstall just failed to touch down before the ball went dead. A punt ahead by Hook found the ball bouncing following up, quick backs, and Hook. The Navy players gathered in his stride to transfer to Boe when challenged. Boe went on to score with about four Army players backing up, and Lang added the goal points.

Wright completed the scoring when he went over for a try for Navy, but Paul failed to convert from near the touch-line. In the second half, Navy hammered away at Army's defence, which, however, survived all assaults. Paul however, survived all assaults. Paul had an opportunity when a penalty was given against Army for not lying down on the ball on the ground. His kick taken from just in front of the posts just went wide.

Police 8 Club 9

GOOD TEAM-WORK and whole-hearted play by the Police very nearly gave them victory against Club on Saturday when the Club won by 9 points (three tries) to 8 points (a goal and a try).

Championship Tennis

DISAPPOINTING SEMI-FINALS

How Teams Fared

FIRST DIVISION

S. China "A"	3 Eastern	2
Club	3 Kowloon	4
Police	0 Middlesex	4
Royal Scots	2 S. China "B"	2
St. Joseph's	4 Royal Navy	2

SECOND DIVISION "A"

Kit Chee	2 Club	0
R.A.O.C.	3 5th R.A.	1
30th R.A.	3 8th R.A.	1
Eastern	2 South China	2

SECOND DIVISION "B"

Engineers	7 Kowloon	0
Police	2 Royal Scots	2
Signals	(Abandoned after 50 minutes)	0
	1 R.A.F.	0

THIRD DIVISION

South China	1 International	1
Royal Scots	4 5th R.A.	0
12th R.A.	1 Electric	0
Signals	1 24th R.A.	2

FINE EXHIBITION

OF their half-backs, Sung Ling-sing on the left was head and shoulders above any of the other players on the defence. Pitted against the strong right flank of Eastern, and not given any support by Lee, it did not deter him from giving a fine exhibition. He neglected them, it is true, but his coverage made up. Lau Hing-choi was the best of the defence, and did a great deal towards covering up for Leung Wing-chiu in the pivot position and Mak, the back. Only towards the close of the game did he catch up with Hau Ching-to, and though even quite exhausted he sometimes got the better of the exchanges.

Although fielding practically an Inter-Port forward line, South China "A" was not served by the usual sweeping attack. Fung King-cheng worked his hardest—and he was the only player who really worked—but he was sadly let down by his teammates. Tang Kwong-sum seemed to

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SPORT ADVTS.

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Hongkong, 7th January, 1940.

MRS. CHIU AND MRS. LITTON IN THE FINAL

THE TENNIS in the semi-finals of the women's Colony Championship at the United Services Recreation Club on Saturday was hardly up to the expectations of the spectators. Mrs. Enid Litton beat Miss M. Stokes 6-4, 6-1, and Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu accounted for Miss J. Reeve 6-4, 8-6.

The first of the two matches was the faster. The winner's experience eventually told against the youthful enthusiasm of Miss Stokes.

Mrs. Litton jumped into a 2-0 lead, but Miss Stokes came back in brilliant form and swept into a 4-2 lead. She dropped the vital seventh game, however, and breaking through her opponent's service again in the ninth game, Mrs. Litton led 5-4. After a hard duel, Mrs. Litton claimed the tenth game and set at 6-4.

Mrs. Litton could not be held in the second set and after a 1-1 opening, she took five games in a row.

A GALLANT EFFORT

MISS REEVE made a gallant effort against Mrs. Chiu, after having lost the first set at 6-4, though at one time it appeared that she might win the match in three sets. Mrs. Chiu, however, changed tactics and claimed the hard-fought second set as well.

Miss Reeve won the opening game of the first set, but thereafter was led by 2-1, 3-2, 4-3, and 5-4. The final game was lost only after duce had been called.

Mrs. Chiu adopted pat-ball tactics in the opening games of the second set—tactics which gave Miss Reeve ample opportunity of getting her excellent backhand shots working—and at the end of the fourth game, Mrs. Chiu was 1-3 behind. She rallied and came level again at 3-3, but Miss Reeve took the lead again at 4-3.

A succession of blunders cost Miss Reeve the eighth and ninth games, and Mrs. Chiu led 5-4. She recovered, however, and took the next two games to lead at 6-5.

Two questionable line decisions in the 12th game seemed to put Miss Reeve out of her stride, and after 20 runs, once again giving the K.C.C. the advantage.

Mrs. Chiu won her service game, and the final game was lost by Miss Reeve after four duces had been called, and after Mrs. Chiu had had two match points.

The doubles semi-finals will be played at the U.S.R.C. on Sunday at 3 p.m.

Jugs' McSpaden Leads In Manila Open

MANILA, Jan. 6 (UP).—Harold ("Jugs") McSpaden, Boston, Canadian open golf champion, led at the halfway stage of the Philippines open championship at the completion of the second round, aggregating 69, 71, 140.

T. Miyamoto, Japan, is second with 71, 70, 141, and Larry Montes, Manila, former holder, is third with 71, 73, 144.

Other scores were Norman Von Nida (Australia) holder for the past two years, 74, 72, 146; Emery Zimmerman (Port Landore) 71, 76, 147; Al Zimmerman 74, 74, 148; H. L. Williams, Australian amateur champion, 73, 75, 148.

Thirty-six have qualified for the final stages of 36 holes medal play to-morrow.

FIGHTING FINISH

K.C.C. Beat I.R.C. In Exciting Match

A FIRST-CLASS fighting finish lifted the K.C.C.-I.R.C. junior division match from mediocrity to the type of game which makes league cricket worth while. The Kowloon juniors, who are present league champions, won an exciting match by eleven runs, thanks largely to steady bowling and keen fielding.

K.C.C. did not shape very much like champions at the wicket, despite an opening partnership of 86 by Mulcahy and Lay. A rapid collapse followed the dismissal of Mulcahy (which coincided with a double bowling change), and but for Lay's pretty made 44 (whereupon he was very foolishly run out, partly his own fault), Kowloon's timely 23 and a lusty dozen by Curtis, the home side would have been hard put indeed.

As it was, they collected 120, which, in view of the Indians' acknowledged batting weakness, appeared to be enough.

Confident Start

HOWEVER, a confident opening by Rumjahn and Curreen, who scored 30 between them in about 25 minutes, quickly placed the visitor in a very challenging position. Then Rumjahn made an unworthy shot, and was easily caught in the slips. This started a rot in K.C.C., and another four wickets fell for the addition of 20 runs, once again giving the K.C.C. the advantage.

The entry of Abbas saw another change come over the game, and PLEASE Turn To Page 8.

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Goodbye, Mr Chips

"CHIPS OF BROOKFIELD"

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MR. MARSHAM, Headmaster of Brookfield School, was walking through the Quadrangle with Jackson, the new history instructor. Both wore cap and gown. Marsham stopped before a statue and read, with a touch of pride, the inscription:

"To the honoured memory of Jonathan Brookfield who hath founded Brookfield School to the glory of God and the promotion of piety and learning, in the Year of Our Lord, Fourteen Ninety-two."

"Fourteen Ninety-two!" repeated Jackson in an awed voice. "The year that Columbus discovered America," said Marsham.

"One can almost feel the centuries," mused the new master. "Gray old age dreaming over a crowded past."

"We're in the heart of England, Mr. Jackson. It's a heart that has a very gentle beat. There's the whistle of the special train loaded with pupils. In fifteen minutes the heart of England is going to have slight palpitations."

THE hour of Evening Assembly—first of the new school year—drew on. The stone steps of the old school building, the inner stairways were crowded with chattering shouting boys, ranging in age from 13 to 18.

All wore straw hats with Brookfield bands, striped for the Prefect and the Sixth Form, plain for the younger pupils.

The large Assembly Hall presented a dignified appearance with its paneled walls, its "hammer beam" rafters, and the row of paintings of Brookfield notables and prints of antique school scenes along the walls. The floor space was filled with rows of wooden benches with backs.

On the dais, Marsham, the Headmaster, Jackson and the other masters took their seats. On Marsham's left was an empty chair. The boys arose to their feet and waited in silence. Marsham laid down a bunch of papers and spoke:

"Good evening, boys."

"Good evening, sir," came the multi-voiced response.

"You may sit down. Well, here we are at the beginning of another school year, one which I sincerely hope will be a credit to Brookfield. We require not only to win the matches against Millfield and Sedbury, but also, if it's not troubling you too much, some fairly decent results in the examinations." He waited until the polite utters from the boys died down. "This term we have quite a number of new boys and to them I extend a special welcome. The rest of you will remember your own feelings when you first arrived here and will, I trust, temper tradition with mercy."

THE shy burst of laughter from the upper form boys interrupted for a moment, and the Headmaster continued: "I have a small disappointment for you—perhaps you are aware of it already." He glanced at the empty chair at his feet. "For the first time in 18 years Mr. Chips has been unable to attend first night assembly. Chips—and you will allow me to refer to him as Chips, seeing that 87 years ago this autumn he gave me a thrashing for sheer bone hardness."

The laughter that greeted his remark held a different quality—a note of appreciation, of affection.

"Chips has a cold," said Marsham, "and a cold can be quite a serious thing for a young fellow of 87. So Dr. Merivale has ordered him to stay at home. It was quite a battle, but our old friend was finally induced to surrender, and is now sitting, under violent protest, by his own fireside."

But Marsham was mistaken in that statement, for at the same moment a spare, thin figure was advancing doggedly, thumping with a cane, through the marble arch of the entrance to the school grounds, with a faint, triumphant grin on his face. Slowly he climbed the stairs to the vestibule of the assembly room, fustily unwrapping his gown.

A SMALL BOY ran breathlessly up the stairs and collided with the old man.

"Oh, sir! Sorry, sir!" cried the boy in a cultivated British voice.

"What is this—a scrimmage?" asked Chips, in mock indignation.

"No, sir. I'm looking for assembly."

"So am I. Hang on to my coat tail!"

They climbed the rest of the steps as the voices of the boys in the assembly room were raised in the school song. The door refused to open at Chips's touch.

"Locked out!" he exclaimed indignantly. "Well, I'll be—!" He checked himself and glanced at the small boy. "We'll just have to wait." He tightened his mouth comically and looked down at the grave-faced boy. "So, you're a Stinker, eh?"

"A stinker, sir?" asked the boy, puzzled, almost alarmed.

"New boy. That's what we call 'em here. What's your name?"

"I'm Dorset, sir."

"Duke of Dorset, eh? Umph! I taught your father. He was always late." The old man pointed to a stone in the wall of the vestibule. On it was carved: John Charles Bosworth, Duke of Dorset, 1650. "Ancestor of yours."

"Yes, sir."

Another stone bore the name of Sir Francis Drake, 1582.

"Drake!" gasped the boy in awe. "Was he here, sir? Was he a Stinker, too?"

"To be sure he was. But he grew out of it. And so will you."

"Are you a master, sir?" asked the boy.

"I was a master—once. I've taught thousands of boys—right back to 1870. But I gave it up 16 years ago."

"I say, you must be terribly old, sir!" said the boy naively.



Jackson accompanied Chips to his lodgings at Mrs. Wickett's house and was invited in.

"Sorry, I must be getting along," said Jackson. "I've got to unpack. Lower School Prep at six. It's a bit of an ordeal, isn't it?"

"I found it so—in 1870. Remember, you are not the first master who has gone to evening class the first time, and felt afraid."

Jackson was astonished. "You had difficulty with the boys? But seeing you just now—"

"It took time, Mr. Jackson—too much time," said Chips musingly. "You seem to have found the secret in the end."

"Eh? What?" Chips aroused from his musing. "Oh, the secret. Yes. In the end. But I didn't find it myself. It was given to me—by some one else." He slipped back into his memories, muttering: "Some one else"; and was scarcely aware of Jackson's good night and betaking himself off.

MRS. WICKETT opened the door.

"To come in at 11. Standing there in the wind and the cold. And 'He has heard—from me!' said Chips with a triumphant chuckle as he entered the house. 'I save him a piece of my mind.'"

"Sit down by the fire. Better get a nice cup of hot tea and go to bed."

"I'll wait a bit. Some of the boys might drop in."

"Well, I'll put the kettle on the hob while I go to the village for some groceries. Everything's out for your tea."

"And a cake, eh?"

"Oh, yes, there's a cake. I'd like to know how many of them those boys have eaten since you came to lodge here. Letting them gorge you out of house and home! Last term, 26 lead cakes, 200 rock buns, 150 bath buns—"

"Enough of your loathsome statistics, woman!" Interrupted Chips stretching his feet out to the blaze on the hearth. "Go about your business! They ought to feed the boys better. Remember how you used to starve 'em when you were Under-Matron?"

"That was a long time ago."

"A long time ago," said Chips, scarcely aware that Mrs. Wickett had

gone, and in his musing he saw himself as a young man, getting on the train to come to Brookfield School, as a new, young master.

TO-MORROW The New Master

LETTERS

Universal Week of Prayer

To the Editor.

The "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir,—I wonder if we might have the courtesy of your columns to bring to the notice of your many readers who may not have seen the posters and pamphlets dealing with the matter, that the Universal Week of Prayer will begin on January 8 and continue until January 14. Each evening of this week brief services of prayer, lasting approximately half an hour, will be held in St. John's Cathedral, at 5.30 p.m. On January 14 a combined service of all the Non-Roman Churches of Hongkong and Kowloon will be held in Union Church, Kennedy Road, at 8.30 p.m. These services will be conducted by clergymen of the various Non-Roman churches and we cordially invite all who believe in the power of prayer, to unite with us and all our fellow-Christians throughout the world, at any, or all of these times.

Further details concerning the Universal Week of Prayer may be had from the posters displayed at the ferries, Peak tram stations, and business premises in the city; to all of whom we are grateful for this measure of publicity.

A further step towards Unity will be taken when on Thursday all Christian people are invited to share in the Communion service which will follow immediately after the service of prayer.

It is perhaps scarcely necessary to stress the need of human penitence and divine intercession at a moment in history such as this; so it is with the confidence that we shall have a sympathetic understanding and co-operation that we bring the matter to the consideration of all who have the world's true welfare at heart.

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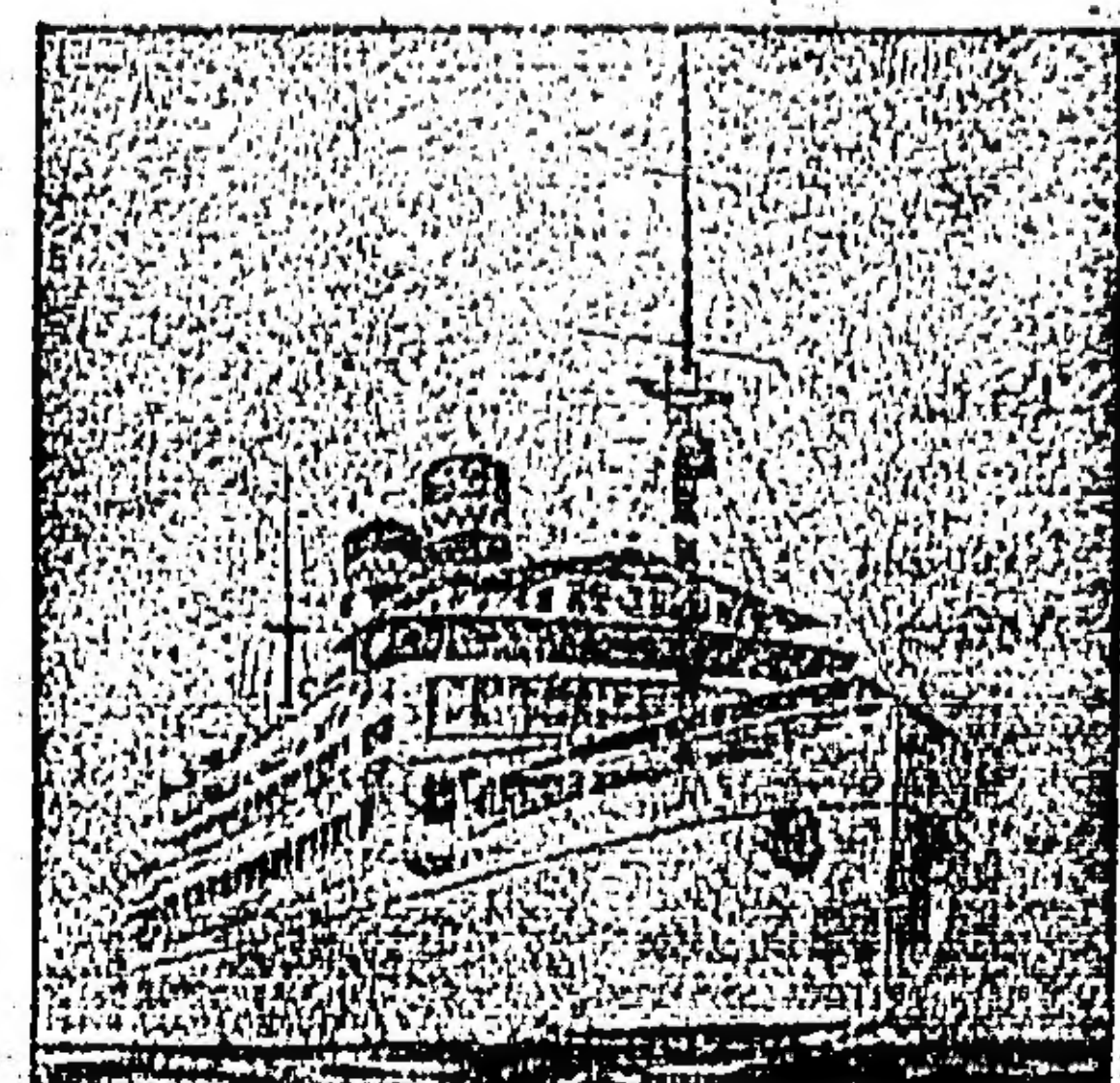
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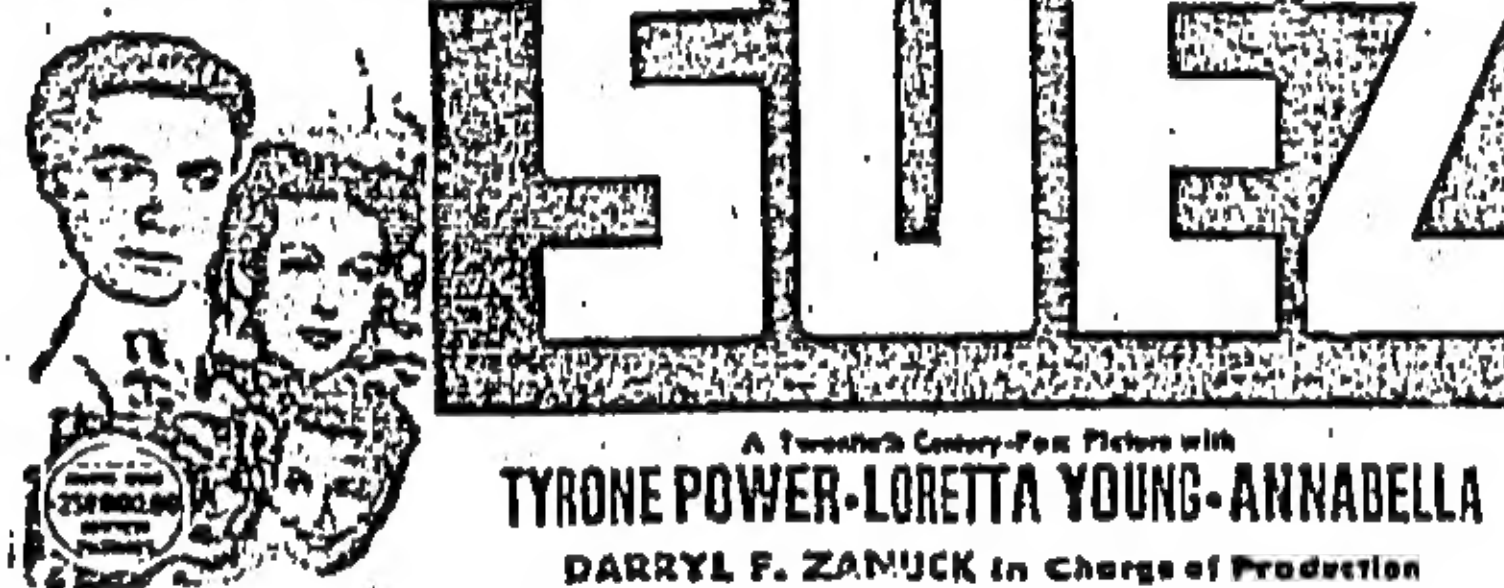
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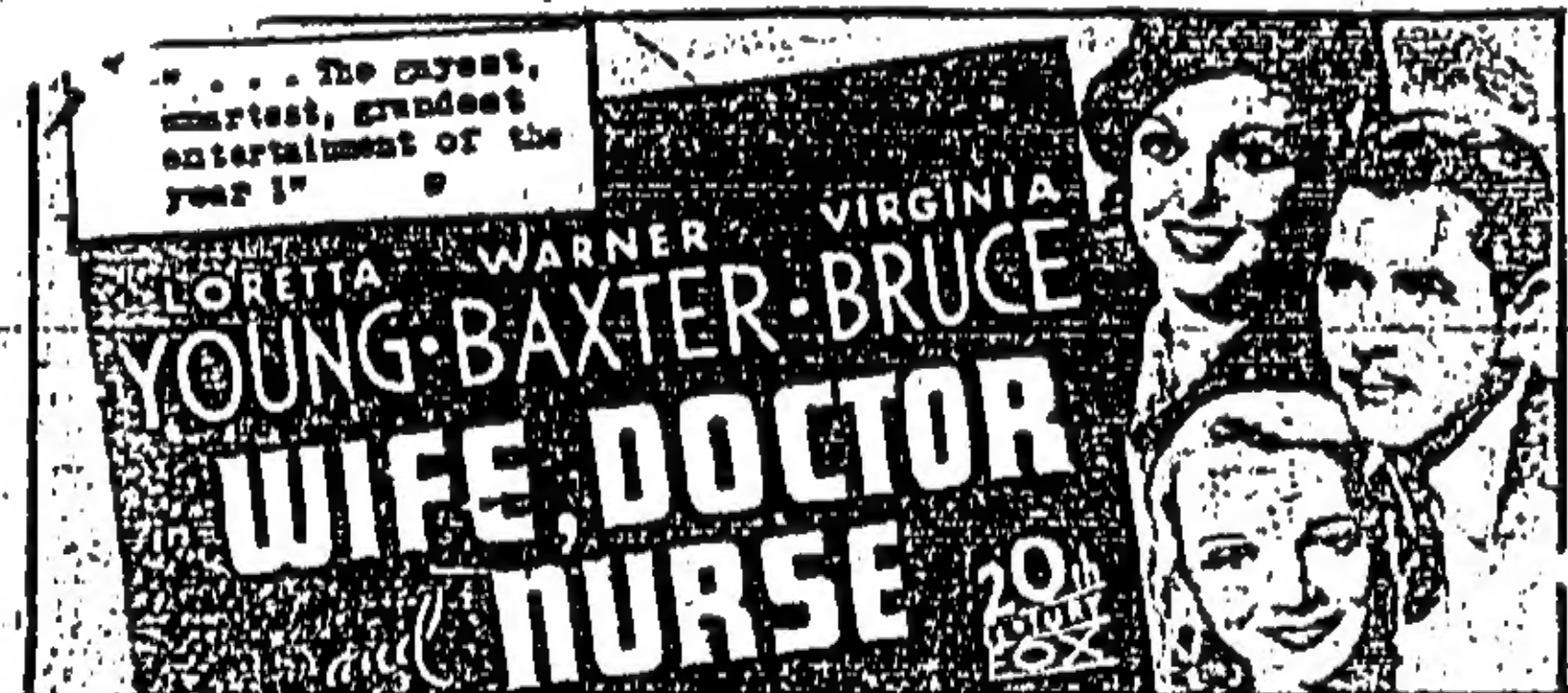
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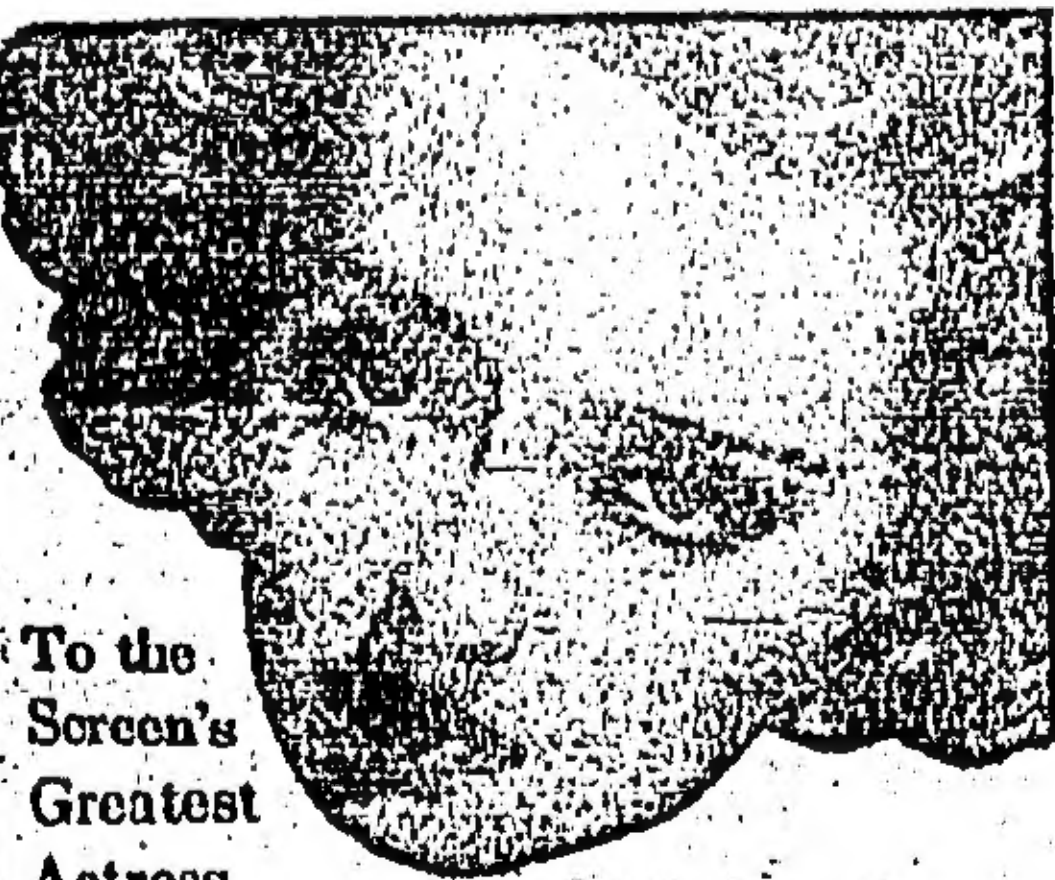
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EUROPEAN ARCHITECT IS SUED

Recovery Of Part
Fees Sought

Mr. J. S. Gibson, architect, was defendant in an action brought by Kwong Yiu-wah and Kwong Fook-chuen before Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell in the Summary Court this morning for the recovery of part of the fees allegedly paid to Mr. Gibson in connection with the preparation of plans for the building of a feather factory in Kowloon.

Plaintiffs were represented by Mr. F. Zimmerman, and Mr. H. L. Kwan appeared for defendant. Mr. Zimmerman said his clients were the registered owners of Section A, Kowloon Island Lot No. 658, which they bought in March last for the purpose of erecting a factory. Shortly after the purchase, their agent, Kwong Shik-ming, was approached by Chiu Pak-yuen, who apparently was connected with defendant's firm, for the designing of the factory. Negotiations took place and it was the plaintiff's case that in June a verbal agreement was reached between Kwong and Chiu that the architect was to be paid \$200 plus one and a half per cent of cost of the building contract, which was \$27,500.

Plan Approved

Three copies of a plan were duly submitted and approved after some minor alterations. Work on the building was commenced, but in September the plaintiffs were informed to receive two bills from defendant, one for \$200 and the other for \$956.80, being half of seven per cent of the contract price. On receiving these bills, Mr. Zimmerman was consulted and a letter written to defendant, suggesting that there had been a mistake. A number of meetings with a view to settlement then followed, and eventually defendant wrote to him, pointing out that no person on his staff had agreed to the fee being one and half per cent of the contract price.

It was significant, went on Mr. Zimmerman, that the authority of Chiu was never denied; what was disputed was the amount of the fee. However, in view of what defendant had said regarding certain members of his staff, plaintiffs decided to terminate his services as architect, and this was done on October 5.

Independent Assessment

An independent architect, Mr. E. M. Hazeland, was asked to assess the amount of work completed up to that date, as it was the contention of the plaintiffs that defendant was entitled to receive only for what he had done. Mr. Hazeland estimated that 65 per cent of the work had been completed, but defendant insisted it was 70 per cent.

Defendant demanded full payment of seven per cent, on \$27,500 and this, amounting to \$2,125, was subsequently paid by plaintiffs under protest. On October 23, the plaintiffs returned. In other words, defendant kept \$1,912.50, which represented five and half per cent of the contract price, and which he maintained he was entitled to receive.

Mr. Zimmerman concluded by asking His Lordship to determine, should he find that no fees had been agreed upon, what was the most reasonable amount an architect was entitled to receive.

Mr. E. M. Hazeland, who said he had 30 years' experience as an architect, told the Court that he instructed the plaintiffs to inspect the factory in October and found that 65 per cent of the work had been completed.

Questioned by Mr. Kwan, Mr. Hazeland agreed that after preparation of the plans and calculations, the work of the architect was practically completed. He also agreed that in the R.I.B.A. Calendar it was stipulated that if a contract was between £100 and £2,000, the architect should be paid a percentage of from six to ten per cent, on a sliding scale.

Usual H.K. Charges
Mr. Kwan: In the present case, the contract price is \$27,500 which is less than £2,000, would you agree with me that the reasonable charge would be about eight per cent?—In Hongkong there is no architect's association and no fixed charges are laid down. It all depends on what the architect likes to charge. Five or six per cent is the normal rate to be charged for a job of this kind.

Do you agree that if no fees were agreed upon, one can charge about eight per cent, according to the Calendar?—Yes.

And if the architect has done everything to enable the tender to be obtained, and in spite of the fact that the work has not yet been completed, he is entitled to two-thirds or one percentage set out in the Calendar?—Yes.

More, according to you, 65 per cent of the work has been done, what would be the percentage in Hongkong?—According to the rules he is entitled to his full fees.

Mr. Zimmerman: What would be the percentage if the architect has been justifiably dismissed before the work is completed?

"A Reflection On Me"

Mr. Gibson then stood up and said: That is a reflection on me, I won't stand for it. His Lordship: You must tell your client to keep quiet, Mr. Kwan. The question was repeated, and Mr. Hazeland replied that if the architect was justifiably dismissed before the completion of the building, then he would not be entitled to his full fees. Following evidence by first plaintiff, Kwong Shik-ming, who acted as his agent, the case was adjourned.

Conscription In India Mooted Compulsory Service For Europeans

NEW DELHI, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—It is understood that compulsory national service for male European British subjects in India is under consideration by the Government of India.

All Britons between the ages of 16 and 50 are now registered under an ordinance issued by the Viceroy on August 30.

Smyrna Swept By Floods

Two Thousand People Are Marooned

SMYRNA, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—Following violent rainstorms, floods have swept through Smyrna and the suburbs, paralysing transport and cutting off electric current.

Flood waters inundated the lower quarters of the city, causing houses to collapse and other extensive damage, but hitherto no loss of life is reported. Three villages in the plain of Brussa, with a total population of 2,000, are completely marooned, and troops manning improvised rafts are trying to rescue the villagers, whose position is perilous.

Survivors From Nazi Ship Due Shortly

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
VERA CRUZ, Mex., Jan. 7 (UP).—Seventeen Chinese crewmen who were aboard the liner Columbus when she was scuttled off the Atlantic coast of the United States, are planning to return home via Japan and S'berin, the "Asahi Shinbun" reports.

Forty members of the crew, including the captain, were to leave Los Angeles on Saturday aboard the N.Y.K. liner Asama Maru for Japan. Another 200 are leaving Los Angeles by the N.Y.K. liner Tatsuta Maru and 20 are sailing from the same port by the O.S.K. liner La Plata Maru on Monday.

Crew To Return Home
Via Japan
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Jan. 8 (Domel).—Five hundred and seventy-nine members of the crew of the German steamer Columbus, which was scuttled off the Atlantic coast of the United States, are planning to return home via Japan and S'berin, the "Asahi Shinbun" reports.

CHINESE FLEE TO INDO-CHINA
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
CHUNGKING, Jan. 7 (UP).—Well-informed quarters state that as a result of the Japanese occupation of Nanning and the Japanese expansion towards the French border, over 30,000 Chinese refugees have crossed the border near the railway station at Langsan during the past month, seeking safety in French territory.

The Chinese Government is anxious to afford these people relief and the Kwangsi Provincial Government has remitted 20,000 yuan to the Chinese Consulate at Hanoi and 10,000 yuan to the district magistrates along the two routes from Nanning to the sea.

1,500,000 Reside In Tientsin
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TIENSIN, Jan. 8 (Domel).—The population of the city of Tientsin, including Japanese and other foreign residents, has reached 1,408,240, according to the census taken on December 20, last year, it was announced by the Special Municipality. The population of the city is increasing at the rate of 4,500 per month.

Hospital Ship Hotel Comforts

AT A CHANNEL PORT. COMFORTS provided for the wounded were shown me when I inspected a British hospital ship and a train—one of a fleet—in which the men will be taken to distant hospitals.

The ship, officially a hospital carrier, was formerly on a passenger service. Now her staterooms, are wards, sick beds line the promenade deck, and where old soldiers swamped yards in the last war is now the dressing room for waiting casualties. Large red crosses, including one on the funnel, show her mission to any lurking undersea menace.

Wooden ramps enable stretchers to be carried aboard and taken to the wards with the minimum of discomfort to the patients of the ship.

Speed With Comfort

On arrival at port from France, the stretchers are carried to a large shed, where refreshments are provided from a canteen run by the "Silver Lady," whose work for London down-and-outs is well known.

Then the wounded are taken to an ambulance train—nine coaches of almost unbelievable efficiency. In 60 minutes the ship can be cleared and the trains, two to each ship, sent on their way.

The coaches, which are actually wards, hold 30 wounded on tiers three high, or can be converted to hold between 40 and 50 sitting cases.

Three-Course Lunch
More meals on the train—eggs and bacon, if it is a breakfast time start, and a three-course lunch later.

A final word, despite rumours there have, as yet, been no wounded. These hospital carriers and trains have been used for accident cases and other sicknesses.

LATE NEWS

BIG THEFT SEQUEL

The police version of a daring robbery in Wellington Street last month, in which an aged visitor from the Federated Malay States was robbed of \$15,000 in Hongkong banknotes, \$1,100 in Chinese currency, \$33 in Singapore currency, a diamond ring, and one hundred 2-mace tubes of Government opium, was told at the Central Magistracy this afternoon.

A 20-year-old man, Ho Kim, was charged with the robbery in company with others not in custody. The police alleged in Court that Ho and his companions forced their way into the premises by smashing a cheap padlock which held the grill at the rear entrance.

The occupant, Fung Kwang-shing, aged 70, his wife, his nephew and another school-boy were bound and were gagged with small oranges, which were kept in position inside their mouths by wire tied around their heads.

Inspector A. Hopkins prosecuted, and committing proceedings were heard by Mr. R. Edwards. "Four days after the crime was reported to the police," Inspector Hopkins said, "defendant was arrested in the central district by a Chinese detective, who was acting on information received."

Following information volunteered by defendant, police recovered \$900 from his brother's house in Wing Lok Street.

"Defendant was charged with the robbery on December 26. Subsequently, at no identification parade, neither the old man nor his wife identified the men. But the small school-boy picked him out as the man who had gagged him with an orange."

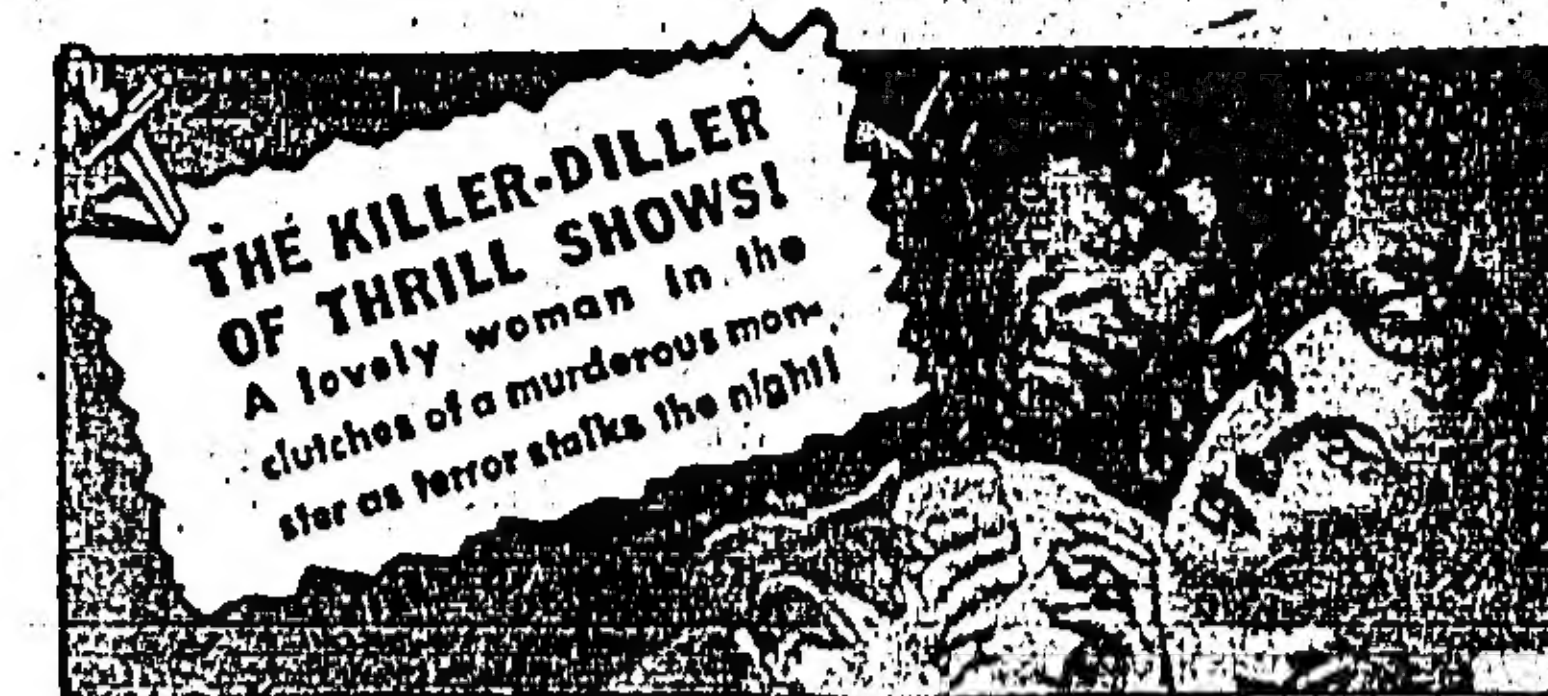
"The police are still making extensive investigations, but so far have been unable to arrest the other robbers."

(Proceeding).

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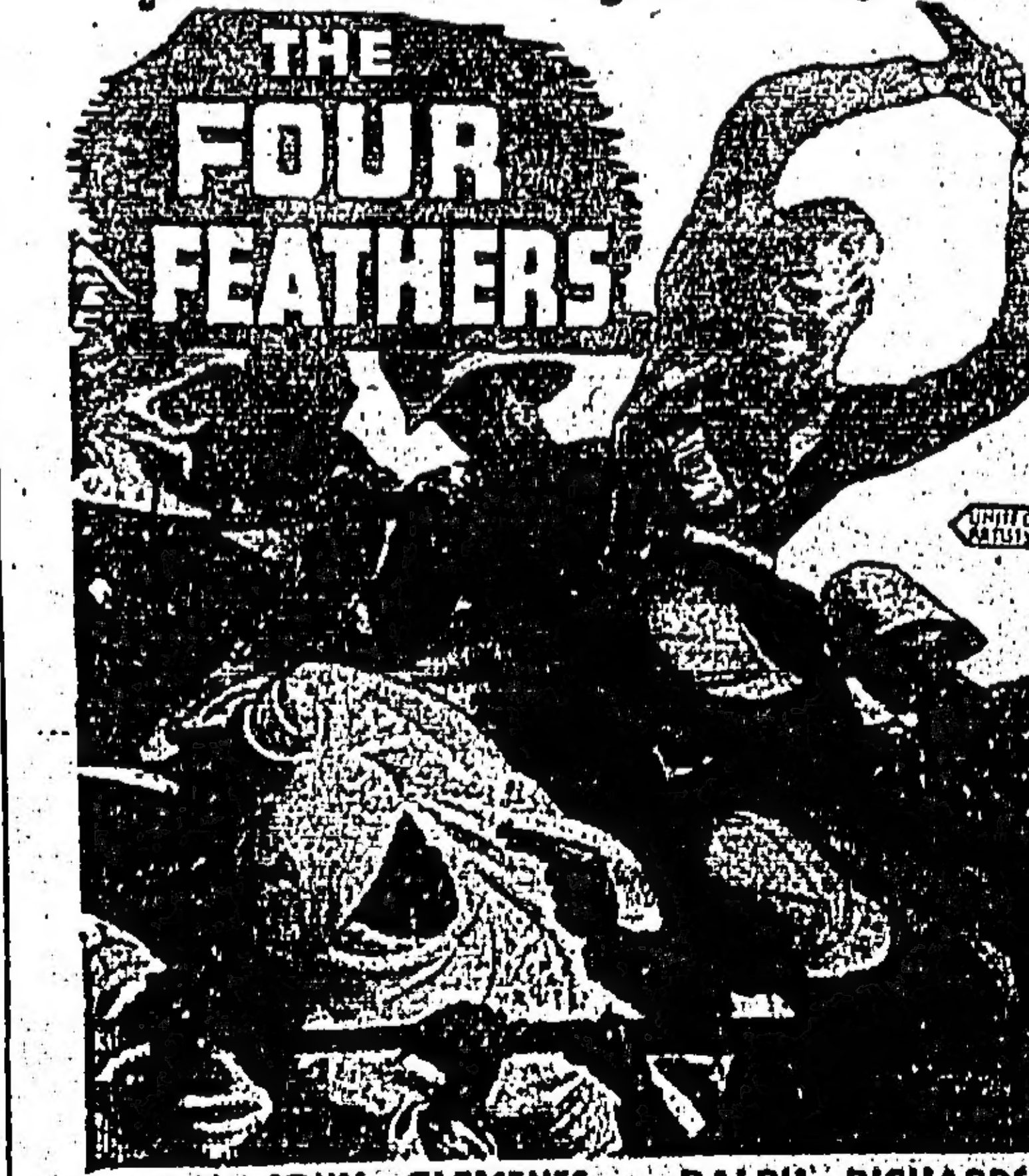
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